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SPORTS

Players to watch

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

KATELYN BUTLER

Senior

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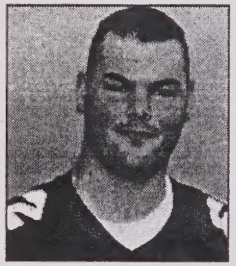
When one thinks about WSC Volleyball, their memories begin and end with Katelyn Butler.

Butler has been First Team all Conference for the past two seasons for WSC. She has led the fledgeling Volleyball program to respectable seasons under Jesse Adams. Butler led the Owls Volleyball squad to the Mass. State Conference Championships last fall.

FOOTBALL



MARK LUKE

Senior

Offensive Line

WSC's starting quarterback Dean DiGregorio has to feel safe with Mark Luke, who is 6'-4" and 275 pounds, anchoring the offensive line at tackle.

Luke was selected second-team all conference his sophomore year and earned the honor again after his junior season. Luke's performance on the offensive line helped lead WSC to a 5-5 record last fall.

WOMEN'S SOCCER

HOLLYMAINES

Senior

Midfielder

Holly Maines finished fifth in the conference in assists-per-game in 1998. Maines' five assists in 13 games led WSC. Maines also scored four goals for WSC last year.

Maines also played basketball last winter for WSC. Her athletisicm will be much needed if WSC plans on improving on thier 7-7-4 record from last year. Count on that to happen.

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Men's Soccer

Karl Labadorf

Junior

Forward

Westfield State College junior Karl Labadorf is back this season and ready for action. During the 1997 season he was named Offensive Player of the Year and made the All Conference First Team. The forward from Wilbraham scored 15 goals and handed out six assists totaling 36 points for MASCAC's First Team. That same year Labadorf also helped lead the Owl's to their first Massachusetts State Conference crown since 1980.

WSC Athletics

Women's Cross Country

Diana Cares

Senior

Distance Runner

Diana Cares is comming off of a record breaking Spring Track season and she should be able to carry-over some of the momentem into the fall.

Cares was chosen for the 1998 All-MASCAC Cross Country Team last fall. She ran a 21:04 at the MASCAC Championship meet which was good enough for second place. Cares finished 10 seconds behind Fitchburg State's Rhalda Jansen in the 2.9 mile race.

Men's Cross Country

Kevin LaCoste

Senior

Distance Runner

Senior captain Kevin LaCoste will be heading up another strong cross country team this fall. Lacoste was awarded the 1998 Men's Cross Country Most Valuable Performer Award, an award given to the individual who made the greatest contribution to the team in terms of dedication, leadership, and performance.

Look out for Kevin and his running mates this fall, as they attempt to duplicate the success of last year's season

Field Hockey

Erica Pratt

Senior

Midfielder

Erica Pratt has maintained her intensity and focus on the field despite her considerable workload off of the field. Pratt juggles many different extra curricular activities during the school year and still manages to play like a First Team all-MASCAC athlete.

Pratt was joined by WSC senior Kara Jagodzinski on the First Team All-MASCAC squad.

Intramurals

Lou Ann Simchak

First Year

Interim Director

Lou Anne Simchak performed at the varsity level in Basketball and Softball for WSC before she graduated in 1977. She has also played semi-pro softball for more than 15 years and has also garnered plenty coaching experience throughout the past 25 years.

Simchak will bring her athletic expertice to the intramural office this fall as the new Intramurals Director.

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WSC scores a field house

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Westfield State College has recently been allocated $9.5 million to build a new field house with authorization to borrow $5.8 million more, bringing the total funding available for the project to $15.3 million.

The field house construction, originally funded approximately four years ago, never received additional support and the funding authorization lapsed.

State Representative Cele Hahn (R-Westfield), state Representative Dan Keenan (D-Blanford) and state Senator Michael R Knapik (R-Westfield) all played instrumental roles in securing the funding for the project.

The construction of the field house will not only upgrade the college's athletics program, it will also provide a state-of-the-art facility for the Movement Science, Sport and Leisure Studies academic departments.

The field house will also be a resource for intercollegiate sports, the intramural program, and the surrounding community.

Now that the governor has signed the bill to allocate the funding, the college will now be working with the Board of Higher Education to discuss how exactly the money will be released.

Then over the next year the planning of the building will take place with a proposed ground breaking for the facility in 2001.

1999 Hall of Fame Inductees

Jack Crowley
Charles Hagan
Ed LaMagdeline
Deb Kline
Tom Parks
John Vassallo

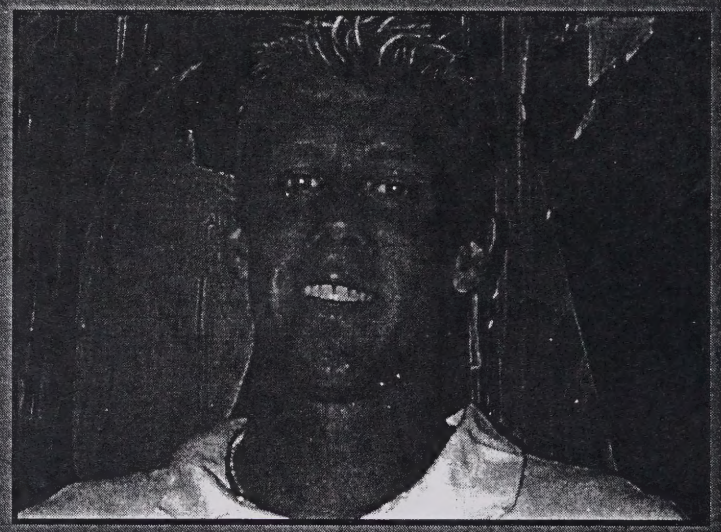
WSC inducts six into the athletics Hall of Fame

Westfield State College Athletics Hall of Fame has inducted six new members into it's. Of the six new members five were standout athletes and one was an adminstrator.

Being inducted at the sixth anual induction cerimony are Jack Crowley, a football player from the class of 1986, Charles "Bud" Hagan, a long time administrator and coach, Ed LaMagdelaine, a baseball and volleyball player from the class of 1979, Deb (O'Reilly) Kline, a feild hockey and softball player from the class of 1983, Tom Parks a basketball player from the class of 1976, and John Vassallo, a soccer player from the class of 1980.

The induction cerimony will take place on Saturday, May 13, 2000 in the Scanlon Banquet Hall.

Owl's Corner



Matt Collins

Westfield State College senior Matt Collins finished an outstanding season last spring with a second place finish in the 400 intermediate hurdles at the NCAA Division III National Championships. They were held on May 22 at Baldwin Wallace College in Berea, Ohio. Collins gained All America honors clocked at a personal best of 52.15.

In addition to his All America status, for the second consecutive season, Collins won the New England Division III 400 and the All New England (all divisions) championships.

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Football

Football Schedule

Day	Opponent	Time
September		
Sat. 11th	@ Hartwick	1:00 p.m.
Sat. 18 th	WNEC	1:00 p.m.
Sat. 25th	@ Fitch St.	1:00 p.m.
October		
Sat. 2	Mass. Mar	1:00 p.m.
Sat. 8	Fram St.	7:00 p.m.
Sat. 16	@ Maine Mar	1:00 p.m.
Sat. 23	@ Bridgewtr	1:00 p.m.
Sat. 29	UMass Bost	7:00 p.m.

New England Football Conference

98-99 Conference Standings

Red Division

Team	Division	Overall
Bridgewater	5-1	7-3
Maine Mar	5-1	5-5
Mass Mar	4-2	6-4
Worcester St.	3-3	4-6
Westfield St.	**2-4**	**5-5**
Fitchburg	2-4	3-7
Framingham	0-6	2-8

Blue Division

Team	Division	Overall
Salve Regina	6-0	9-1
UMass Dart	5-1	8-2
Curry	4-2	6-4
WNEC	3-3	5-4
Nichols	2-4	5-5
MIT	1-5	1-8
UMass Bost	0-6	0-10

Passing Yards

Name	Team	Yards
1 J Furtado	MassDart	2248
2 D Hanson	Worc St.	1526
3 Blackburn	MIT	1426
4 T Volpone	Nichols	1333
5 S Santos	Curry	1141
6 D Maurer	Bridgewater	1083
7 S Canuel	WNEC	1029
8 C Pelletier	Maine Mar.	960
9 DeGregorio	**WSC**	**884**
10 O'Malley	Mass Mar.	679

Recieving Yards

Name	Team	Yards
1 R Bland	Mass Dart	919
2 A Macaione	Bridgewater	830
3 B Mejia	MIT	698
4 T Grove	Fitch St.	628
5 M Roach	WNEC	591
6 McClintock	Fitch St.	550
7 R Boss	Worc St.	533
8 R Cincotta	**WSC**	**508**
9 E Roberts	Fram St.	493
10 J Barr	Curry	442

Rushing Yards

Name	Team	Yards
1 S Tardif	Maine Mar.	1607
2 MDeBiasio	Salve	1294
3 S Berry	Bridgewater	1245
4 J Votzakis	**WSC**	**1240**
5 A Kaneris	WNEC	1165
6 M Fox	Nichols	1157
7 D Freeman	Fitch	940
8 J Gagnon	Mass Bost	841
9 R Woodland	Mass Mar.	733
10 J Bernard	Worc St.	716

Interceptions

Name	Team	Int
1 M Cotton	Mass Dart	11
2 A Macaione	Bridgewater	7
3 M Oats	Curry	7
4 E McDaniel	Maine Mar.	7
5 R Ennis	Mass Mar.	6
6 T.J. Raeke	**WSC**	**5**
7 L Gary	Nichols	5
8 K Beaulieu	Maine Mar.	5
9 P Silwoski	Worc St.	4

Punting

Name	Team	Avg.
1 N Riedle	Worc St.	37.8
2 A Friend	Nichols	37.3
3 J Guilbeault	Mass Mar	35.5
4 C Carr	Bridgewater	35.3
5 J Frasco	**WSC**	**34.6**
6 M Kulesza	Salve	34.3
7 C Reino	Curry	33.8

Women's Soccer

Women's Soccer Schedule

Day	Opponent	Time
Sept.		
Tues. 7	WPI	7:00 p.m.
Thurs. 9	@ W. Conn	6:00 p.m.
Sat. 11	Springfield	12:00 p.m.
Wed. 15	ELMS	7:00 p.m.
Tue. 21	@ E. Conn	4:00 p.m.
Thurs. 23	WNEC	7:00 p.m.
Sat. 25	@ RPI	4:00 p.m.
Wed. 29	S. Vermont	7:00 p.m.
October		
Sat. 2	@ Worc. ST	10:00 p.m.
Mon. 4	MIT	4:00 p.m.
Wed. 6	@ Wesleyan	4:00 p.m.
Sat. 9	Salem St.	1:00 p.m.
Mon. 11	@ Fram. St	1:00 p.m.
Sat. 16	Bridge. St	3:30 p.m.
Wed. 20	@ Ma. Coll	3:00 p.m.
Sat. 23	@ Smith	1:00 p.m.
Wed. 27	Keene St.	7:00 p.m.
Sat. 30	Fitch. St.	1:00 p.m.

MASCAC 1998 Standings

Team	MASCAC	Overall
Salem St.	5-1	8-8-2
Fram. St.	4-2	16-3-0
Worc. St	3-2-1	12-4-2
Bridg. St	2-2-2	5-9-2
Mass. Coll	3-3	10-8-0
WSC	**1-3-2**	**7-7-4**
Fitch. St.	0-5-1	3-13-2

Goals Scored

Name	Team	Goals
1 N Abbott	Fram. St	20
2 V Vallee	Worc. St	16
3 D Mttmre	MCLA	12
3 L Pecoraro	MCLA	12
3 C Bonatti	MCLA	12
6 A Stoudt	Fram. St	11
7 B Hodsdon	Salem St.	10
8 Burkinshw	Worc. St.	9
9 J Duncan	Fitch. St.	8
10 J Farrell	MCLA	6
14 HMaines	**WSC**	**4**

Goals Allowed Avg.

Name	Team	Avg.
1 K Kern	Fram. St.	0.46
2 L Trechok	Salem St.	1.12
3 J Easttey	**WSC**	**1.14**
4 K O'Conner	Worc. St.	1.21
5 K Morrissey	MCLA	1.83

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Men's Soccer

Men's Soccer Schedule

Day	Opponent	Time
Sept.		
Wed. 8	@W. Conn	7:00 p.m.
Sat. 11	@Williams	1:00 p.m.
Tue. 14	@E. Conn	4:00 p.m.
Sat. 18	Springfield	7:00 p.m.
Tue. 21	@WNEC	4:00 p.m.
Thurs. 23	@A. Magnus	4:00 p.m.
Tue. 28	UMass Bost	7:00 p.m.
October		
Fri. 1	Worc. St.	7:00 p.m.
Mon. 4	River Coll.	7:00 p.m.
Sat. 9	@Salem St.	1:00 p.m.
Tue. 12	Fram. St.	7:00 p.m.
Sat. 16	@Bridg. St.	1:00 p.m.
Thurs. 21	@Keene St.	7:00 p.m.
Sat. 23	Mass. Mar.	1:00 p.m.
Tue. 26	WPI	7:00 p.m.
Sat. 30	Fitch. St.	12:00 p.m.

MASCAC 1998 Standings

Team	MASCAC	Overall
Salem St.	7-0	16-2-2
Worc. St.	5-2-0	10-7-0
Bridg. St.	5-2-0	11-7-1
MCLA	4-2-1	10-7-3
WSC	3-3-1	9-7-1
Fram. St.	1-6-0	7-11-1
Fitch. St.	1-6-0	7-11

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Men's Soccer cont.

Goals Scored

Name	Team	Goals
E Kodiat	Salem St.	22
N Arnold	Fitch. St.	14
T Whitney	**WSC**	**13**
D Simpson	Salem St.	10
S Balea	Salem St.	11
A Amechi	Worc. St.	9

Goals Allowed Avg.

Name	Team	Avg.
J Pertillar	Salem St.	.78
T.J. Geyson	MCLA	.98
Ammendolia	**WSC**	**1.42**
S Sullivan	Bridg. St.	1.98
A Hibbard	Worc. St,	2.00
W Connolly	Fram. ST.	2.01
A King	Mass. Mar	2.49
T Pavlakos	Worc. St.	2.67
M Juergens	Fitch. St.	3.51

Field Hockey

Field Hockey Schedule

Day	Opponent	Time
September		
Sat. 4	@Springfield	11/1
Sun. 5	@Springfield	11/1
Wed. 8	Bryant	7:00 p.m.
Sat. 11	Endicott	3:00 p.m.
Thurs. 16	WNEC	7:00 p.m.
Sat. 18	@WPI	1:00 p.m.
Tues. 21	@Elms	4:00 p.m.
Thurs. 23	@Wesleyan	4:30 p.m.
Sat. 25	@Worc. St.	10:00 a.m.
Tues. 28	@Keene St.	6:00 p.m.
October		
Sat. 2	@Bridg. St.	1:00 p.m.
Tues. 5	@Assumption	4:00 p.m.
Fri. 8	@AIC	4:00 p.m.
Tues. 12	E. Conn.	4:00 p.m.
Sat. 16	Fram. St.	1:00 p.m.
Wed. 20	RPI	7:00 p.m.
Sat. 23	Salem St.	4:00 p.m.
Tues. 26	Fitch. St.	4:00 p.m.

MASCAC 1998 Standings

Team	MASCAC	Overall
Worc. St.	5-0	14-5
Bridg. St.	3-2	7-10
Salem St.	3-2	5-11
Fram. St.	2-3	9-10
Fitch. St.	1-4	7-9
WSC	**1-4**	**6-11**

Goals Scored

Name	Team	Goals
L Stockdale	Worc. St.	16
A Silva	Bridg. St.	11
N Turcotte	Salem St.	8
K Cascio	Worc. St.	8
N Doherty	Bridg. St.	7
A Castinetti	Fram. St.	7
L Lahue	**WSC**	**6**
J Chaffee	Worc. St.	6
L Harris	Salem St.	6
N Chandler	Bridg. St.	6
J LeBlanc	Fitch. St.	6

Goals Allowed Avg.

Name	Team	Avg.
L Graves	Worc. St.	1.23
A Dick	Fram. St.	1.30
R Tomassian	Fitch. St.	1.56
J Gordon	Salem St.	1.91
P Fisher	**WSC**	**2.25**
L Champagne	Bridg. St.	2.78
J DuBois	Salem St.	3.23

Women's Volleyball

Volleyball Schedule

Day	Opponent	Time
September		
Thurs. 9	Becker	7:00 p.m.
Sat. 11	@Fitch. St.	11:00 a.m.
Tues. 14	Keene St.	6:00 p.m.
Sat. 18	@Salem St.	11:00 a.m.
Wed 22	@Fram. St.	7:00 p.m.
Fri. 24	@Bridg. St.	4:00 p.m.
Sat. 25	@Bridg. St.	1:00 p.m.

Volleyball Schedule Cont.

Day	Opponent	Time
September		
Tues. 28	MCLA	7:00 p.m.
Thurs. 30	@Emmanuel	6:00 p.m.
October		
Sat. 2	@Amherst	10:00 a.m.
Tues. 5	@Mass. Mar.	6:00 p.m.
Thurs. 7	WNEC	7:00 p.m.
Tues. 12	Williams	7:00 p.m.
Sat. 16	@Springfield	9:00 p.m.
Tues. 19	@Amherst	7:00 p.m.
Sat. 23	@Conn. Coll.	12:00 p.m.
Tues. 26	@J&W	7:00 p.m.

Win Percentage

Team	Overall	Win %
WSC	**20-15**	.571
Salem St.	14-13	.519
Fram. St.	12-12	.500
Bridg. St.	16-22	.421
Worc. St.	7-16	.304
Fitch. St.	6-18	.250
Mass. Mar.	5-21	.192
MCLA	0-14	.000

Men's Cross Country

Cross Country Schedule

Date	Meet
Sept. 11	Smith Invitational
Sept. 18	UMass Dartmouth Invitational
Sept. 25	Cod Fish Bowl Invitational
Oct. 2	Babson Invitational
Oct. 9	Williams Invitational
Oct. 16	James Early Invitational
Oct. 23	State Conferance Finals
Oct. 30	New England Alliance Finals
Nov. 6	ECAC Championships
Nov. 13	N.E. Div. 3 Championships

1998 MASCAC Championships

Team	Points
Bridgewater State	37
Westfield State	43
Salem State	74
Mass. Maritime	103
Fitchburg State	144
Framingham State	181
MCLA	INC
Worcester State	INC

1998 MASCAC Championships

Name	Team	Time
S Tsegai	Bridg. St.	24:27
D Floyd	Salem St.	24:35
F Wilber	Fram. St.	24:54
A Roche	**WSC**	**25:54**
A Sliva	Bridg. St.	25:59
B Church	**WSC**	**26:15**
B Houston	Bridg. St.	26:21

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Women's Cross Country

Cross Country Schedule

Date	Meet
Sept. 11	Smith Invitational
Sept. 18	UMass Dartmouth Invitational
Sept. 25	Cod Fish Bowl Invitational
Oct. 2	Babson Invitational
Oct. 9	Williams Invitational
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Women's Volleyball Sweeps

The Westfield State women's volleyball team swept Becker College 15-, 15-3, 15-3, in its season opener.

Key contributors for the Owls were freshman Katelynn Foley and Junior Larissa Farrell of Mohawk Trail, a transfer from Ithaca College.

New Intramurals Interim Supervisor hired

JUSTIN MCCAULEY
EDITOR IN CHIEF

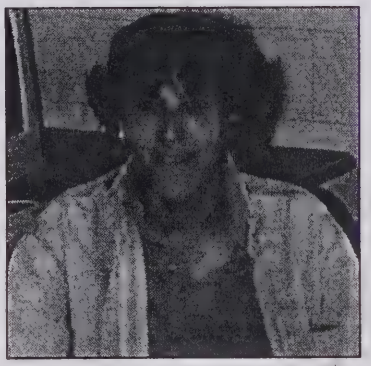
Jesse Adams, the former Intramurals Director, resigned from his position in July. Adams elected to accept a job offer from S.U.N.Y Cobleskill, a state university in New York.

Adams will resume working in the Intramurals field at S.U.N.Y. Cobleskill.

Shortly after Adams departure, the athletics department hired Lou Ann Simchak as his temporary replacement.

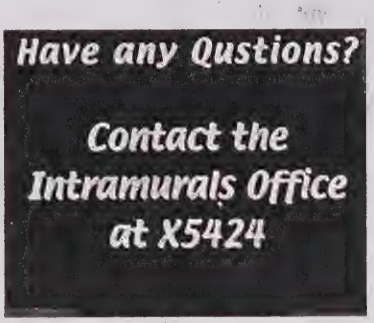
Simchak, a Westfield State College graduate, is also the WSC Softball coach. Simchak competed for the WSC softball team and the basketball teams for three years.

A two-time WSC softball MVP, Simchak was recognized as the college's best all around athlete on two different occasions. She also received an invitation to tryout for the Olympic Basketball team in 1976. She has also played semi-pro softball for more than 15 years.



Lou Ann Simchak

Simchak led the softball team to a 9-22 record last year, in her first year as head coach.



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Western Conn. 2 - Women's Soccer 0

The Western Connecticut women's soccer team scored two unanswered goals in the second half on its way to a victory over Westfield State.

Junior Laura Anderson gave the 3-0 Colonials a 1-0 lead when she scored from five yards out off a corner kick. Ten minutes later, Heather B abington scored off another corner kick.

Alessandra Raff earned the win in goal for Western but did not have to make a save as the Owls, now 0-1, got away just one shot on the night.

Westfield State's next game is Saturday when it hosts Springfield College at noon.

1998 MASCAC Championships

Team	Points
Westfield State	23
Fitchburg State	65
Salem State	66
Bridgewater State	82
Framingham State	138
Mass. Maritime	151
MCLA	INC

1998 MASCAC Championships

Name	Team	Time
R Jansen	Fitch. State	20:54
D Cares	WSC	21:04
A Carney	WSC	21:05
Dzienglewski	WSC	21:07
M Merrow	WSC	21:21
C Galindez	Fitch. State	21:26
B Dalton	Salem St.	26:21

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Actions that will get you suspended from Intramural activities

These sanctions apply before, during, and after all Intramural events.

Behavior	Minimum # of games suspended
Failure to cooperate with staff. Example— not showing ID and insisting on playing.	1
False representation of one's self or others by using another student's ID card.	1
Continued infringement of spirit and intent of the game rules. Unsportsmanlike conduct.	1
Public indecency. Example— mooning.	1
Excessive arguing with officials, staff, or participants.	2
Throwing equiptment.	2
Purposeful destruction of equiptment.	2
Abusive language at an official.	2
Spitting at an official.	3
Pushing or fighting.	Year
Under the influence of drugs or alcohol.	Year
Multiple team members involved in a fight with an official, staff member, or team during an intramural event.	The entire team would be suspended for the season.

**All suspensios and rulings are subject to change or increase pending further evaluation by the Intramural Advisory Board. All acts listed or not listed are subject to review by the IAB.*

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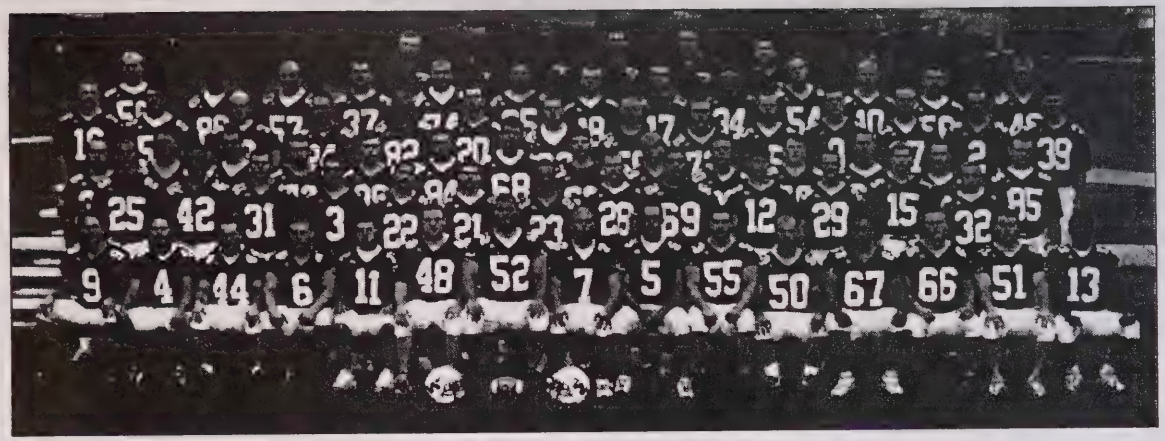

Owls have trouble in season opener

ONEONTA, N.Y. - The Westfield State College football team dropped its season opener to Hartwick College, 27-15, on Saturday.

The Owls host WNEC in their home opener Saturday at 1:00 p.m. Hartwick evened its record at 1-1.

Turnovers and missed scoring opportunities led to the Owls' setback. Westfield led 2-0 for most of the first half when it recorded a first-quarter safety.

Hartwick scored two touchdowns in the final two minutes of the first half. The first score, a beautiful 34-yard reception by Ryan Soule, was set up by a recovered Westfield fumble.

The Hawks scored with 13 seconds remaining in the first half on a one-yard TD pass by elusive sophomore quarterback Mike Young. Hartwick received excellent field position prior to the score when T.J. Raeke's punt into the wind only traveled 16 yards to midfield. Raeke did average 44.3 yards per punt in the game.

Westfield's defense set up its two second-half touchdowns. Nose tackle Jay Cael rambled five yards with an interception return to the Hartwick eight. Two plays later Jason Votzakis scored from one yard out to make it 13-8.

Hartwick scored on the first play on the fourth-quarter on a controversial fourthdown, one-yard plunge by Young. But Westfield came right back to make the score 21-15 with 11:32 left in the game on a 22-yard interception return for a touchdown by Al Gates of Ludlow.

Hartwick sealed the win with 2:40 remaining on a 45-yard TD scamper by John Breedy.

Westfield had two scoring opportunities in the final 10 minutes. The Owls threw an interception at the Hartwick 10 and failed to convert a fourth-and-one at the Hartwick 30.

Westfield also had an excellent scoring opportunity in the first half but was denied four times inside the four-yard line.

Votzakis led all ball carriers with 99 yards on 28 carries. Sophomore wide receiver Vinny Ferrecchia caught six passes for 47 yards. Reserve quarterback Chris Bourget completed 10 of 17 passes for 91 yards. Starting quarterback Dean DiGregorio was sidelined late in the first half with a broken hand.

Varsity Shorts

Field Hockey 1 - Bryant 0

Senior midfielder Erica Pratt of Feeding Hills scored the game-winning goal with 8:56 left in regulation to give the Owls a 1-0 victory over Bryant College of Smithfield, R.I., in their home opener.

Westfield improved to 2-1; it hosts Endicott College on Saturday at 3:00 p.m.

Pratt scored 10 yards out from the right flank after taking a nice pass from freshman Ashley Karpf.

Men's Soccer Heartbreaker

DANBURY, Conn. - Western Connecticut's Everton Gordon put away a loose ball in the 112th minute to give the Colonials a 3-2 overtime victory over Westfield State College in the Owls' men's soccer season opener.

Westfield took a 1-0 lead on Karl Labadorf's goal in the 48th minute. Labadorf collected a loose ball outside the 18-yard box and blasted it by freshman goalkeeper Keith Grasso.

Western Conn., now 2-1-1 and an NCAA Tournament qualifier last season, tied the score off a corner kick 11 minutes later. Matt Currier gave the Owls a 2-1 lead in the 79th minute. Currier booted home his first goal of the season off Chris Whalley's (Southwick) corner kick.

Gabriel Garcia knotted the game at 2-2 off a corner kick with under five minutes remaining in regulation.

Westfield had two excellent scoring opportunities following its second goal but failed to convert.

"We played a very good game," said Westfield coach Paul Whalley. "The Western Connecticut coach told me that his team was very fortunate to win."

The Owls are in action Saturday when they play at perennial power Williams College.

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The soccer scene

Williams 2 - Men's Soccer 1

WILLIAMSTOWN - The Westfield State men's soccer team dropped its second straight close game as it was defeated by national perennial power Williams College.

Williams, ranked third nationally in the NCAA Division III pre-season poll, scored 1:54 into the game as junior forward Michael Cortese put in a cross from senior midfielder Shawn Boburg.

Williams came out strong again in the second half, scoring 1:19 into the final stanza as Cortese tallied his second goal putting in a ball that hit off several players.

Westfield picked up the pace and created several scoring opportunities. Junior forward Karl Labadorf of Wilbraham scored assisted by freshman midfielder Chris Whalley of Southwick at the 58-minute mark.

"I don't think we could have played any better the first two games," said third-year Westfield State coach Paul Whalley.

Westfield is at Eastern Connecticut State on Tuesday.

Springfield 1 - Women's Soccer 0

The Westfield State women's soccer team was shut out for the second straight game in a home match Saturday.

Westfield, which lost to Western Connecticut, 2-0, in its opener, hosts Elms College on Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. Field Hockey 1 - Endicott 0

The Westfield State College field hockey team continued its fine early-season play by blanking Endicott College on Saturday.

Westfield improved to 3-1 with its third straight shutout victory. The Owls host Western New England College Thursday at 7:00 p.m.

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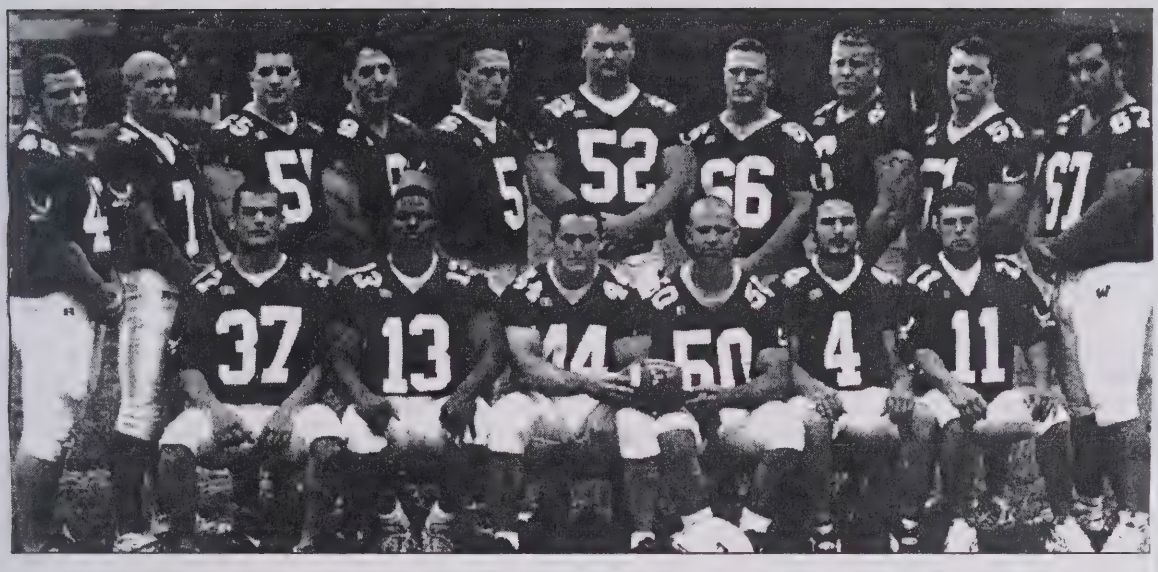

This year's senior crop poses for a group shot during a busy summer training camp.

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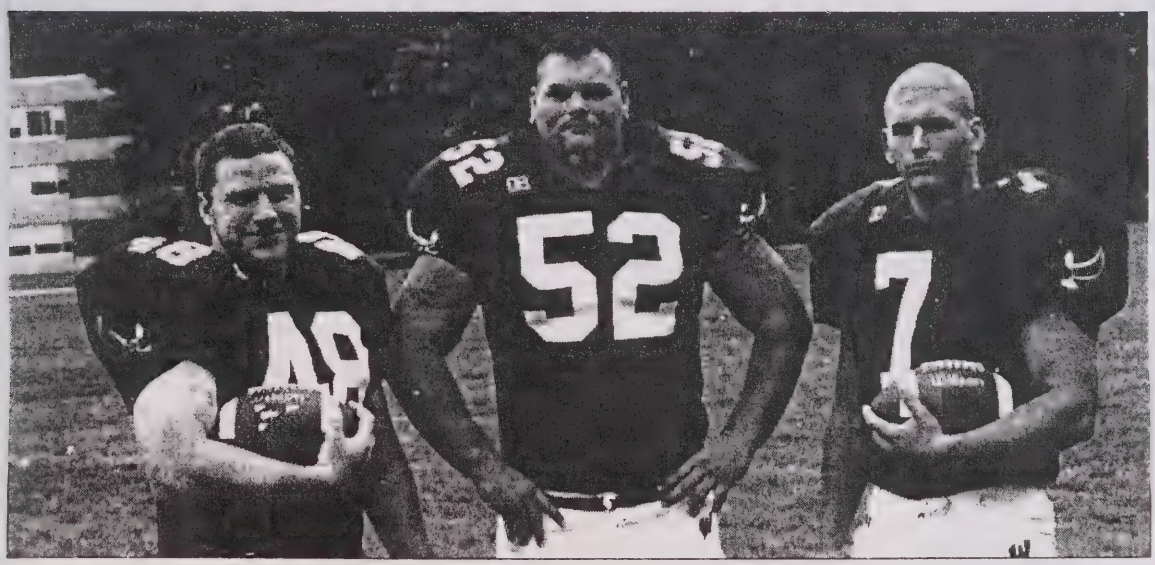

Captains (left to right) T.J. Raeke, Mark Luke, and Brett Poirierare prepared to lead the Owls.

MASCAC Players of the Week

Field Hockey– Leah Manseau, Sr. Forward

Volleyball – Katelyn Foley, So. Outside Hitter

Congratulations Girls!

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Women's soccer wrap up

College Women's Soccer - at Westfield, MA, September 15. Westfield State 1 - Elms College O 1 2 1 ot 20t Final Elms(0-5) 0 0 0 0 0 Westfield (1-2) 0 0 0 1 1 Scoring: Westfield: Janet Bourget (Rhiannon D'Angelo), 1:05:46 Goalie Saves: Westfield: Colleen Doyle O; Jill Easttey O Elms: Sarah Budd, 15 saves Shots: Westfield 26, Elms College O (zero)

NOTES: Westfield outlasted Elms College for its first victory of the season in a rain-plagued game last night. The Owls outshot Elms, 26-0. Freshman midfielder Janet Bourget of Holden scored the game-winning goal on a dead right deflection in front of the goal 46 seconds into the second overtime. Assisting the goal with a pass from the left post was freshman Rhiannon D'Angelo of Whitman.

Senior keeper Sarah Budd of Chicopee recorded 15 saves.

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This Week's Athletic Events

Field Hockey—	Tues. 21 @Elms	4:00 p.m
	Thurs 23 Wesleyan	4:30 p.m.
	Saturday 25 @Worc St.	10:00 a.m.
Women's Soccer—	Tues. 21 @ E. Conn.	4:00 p.m.
	Thurs. 23 WNEC	7:00 p.m.
	Sat. 25 @ RPI	4:00 p.m.
Men's Soccer—	Tues. 21 @WNEC	4:00 p.m.
	Thurs. 23 @Albt Mag.	4:00 p.m.
Football—	Sat. 23 @Bridgewater	1:00 p.m.
Cross Country—	Cod Fish Bowl Invit.	
Volleyball—	Wed. 22 @ Fram St.	7:00 p.m.
	Fri. 24 Invitational	4:00 p.m.
	Sat. 25 Invitational	1:00 p.m.

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Owls' Corner

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Edgar Ortiz

WSC freshman Edgar Ortiz, could be sprinting up and down the soccer field for the UConn Huskies this season but instead, he ended up at Westfield State College.

Ortiz visited WSC's campus during his senior year at Salem High. He was visiting the campus for an open house when he says he fell in love with the school.

"The campus was nice and the people were friendly," said Ortiz. "I loved everything about Westfield State."

Ortiz says that he has made WSC his home and that he is not eyeing the greener pastures of a larger university's soccer program.

"This is my home," Ortiz said. "We have a pretty good chance of going to the NCAAs because we are a strong team."

Ortiz, who is originally from Honduras, came to the United States when he was 13 years-old. By that time he had been playing soccer for nine years already. Once he was in the United States, Ortiz became involved in High school soccer and also different Club or Maple teams.

Ortiz plays right midfield and he says that he credits senior defensemen Matt Currier for making him feel comfortable with the team. Currier was able to make a scouting trip to one of Ortiz's high school games last year and was part of the reason why WSC landed this gem.

A man with many goals, Ortiz is planning on running track in the spring. Ortiz ran the 100 Meter and the 50 yard dash for his high school track team.

It is his sprinting skills that set Ortiz apart from other players on the soccer field and his sparkling personality that sets him apart off of the field.

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Football

Football Schedule

Day	Opponent	Time
September		
Sat. 11th	@ Hartwick	1:00 p.m.
Sat. 18 th	WNEC	1:00 p.m.
Sat. 25th	@ Fitch St.	1:00 p.m.
October		
Sat. 2	Mass. Mar	1:00 p.m.
Sat. 8	Fram St.	7:00 p.m.
Sat. 16	@ Maine Mar	1:00 p.m.
Sat. 23	@ Bridgewtr	1:00 p.m.
Sat. 29	UMass Bost	7:00 p.m.

New England Football Conference

98-99 Conference Standings

Red Division

Team	Division	Overall
Bridgewater	5-1	7-3
Maine Mar	5-1	5-5
Mass Mar	4-2	6-4
Worcester St.	3-3	4-6
Westfield St.	**2-4**	**5-5**
Fitchburg	2-4	3-7
Framingham	0-6	2-8

Blue Division

Team	Division	Overall
Salve Regina	6-0	9-1
UMass Dart	5-1	8-2
Curry	4-2	6-4
WNEC	3-3	5-4
Nichols	2-4	5-5
MIT	1-5	1-8
UMass Bost	0-6	0-10

Passing Yards

Name	Team	Yards
1 J Furtado	MassDart	2248
2 D Hanson	Worc St.	1526
3 Blackburn	MIT	1426
4 T Volpone	Nichols	1333
5 S Santos	Curry	1141
6 D Maurer	Bridgewater	1083
7 S Canuel	WNEC	1029
8 C Pelletier	Maine Mar.	960
9 DeGregorio	**WSC**	**884**
10 O'Malley	Mass Mar.	679

Recieving Yards

Name	Team	Yards
1 R Bland	Mass Dart	919
2 A Macaione	Bridgewater	830
3 B Mejia	MIT	698
4 T Grove	Fitch St.	628
5 M Roach	WNEC	591
6 McClintock	Fitch St.	550
7 R Boss	Worc St.	533
8 R Cincotta	**WSC**	**508**
9 E Roberts	Fram St.	493
10 J Barr	Curry	442

Rushing Yards

Name	Team	Yards
1 S Tardif	Maine Mar.	1607
2 MDeBiasio	Salve	1294
3 S Berry	Bridgewater	1245
4 J Votzakis	**WSC**	**1240**
5 A Kaneris	WNEC	1165
6 M Fox	Nichols	1157
7 D Freeman	Fitch	940
8 J Gagnon	Mass Bost	841
9 R Woodland	Mass Mar.	733
10 J Bernard	Worc St.	716

Interceptions

Name	Team	Int
1 M Cotton	Mass Dart	11
2 A Macaione	Bridgewater	7
3 M Oats	Curry	7
4 E McDaniel	Maine Mar.	7
5 R Ennis	Mass Mar.	6
6 T.J. Raeke	**WSC**	**5**
7 L Gary	Nichols	5
8 K Beaulieu	Maine Mar.	5
9 P Silwoski	Worc St.	4

Punting

Name	Team	Avg.
1 N Riedle	Worc St.	37.8
2 A Friend	Nichols	37.3
3 J Guilbeault	Mass Mar	35.5
4 C Carr	Bridgewater	35.3
5 J Frasco	**WSC**	**34.6**
6 M Kulesza	Salve	34.3
7 C Reino	Curry	33.8

Women's Soccer

Women's Soccer Schedule

Day	Opponent	Time
Sept.		
Tues. 7	WPI	7:00 p.m.
Thurs. 9	@ W. Conn	6:00 p.m.
Sat. 11	Springfield	12:00 p.m.
Wed. 15	ELMS	7:00 p.m.
Tue. 21	@ E. Conn	4:00 p.m.
Thurs. 23	WNEC	7:00 p.m.
Sat. 25	@ RPI	4:00 p.m.
Wed. 29	S. Vermont	7:00 p.m.
October		
Sat. 2	@ Worc. ST	10:00 p.m.
Mon. 4	MIT	4:00 p.m.
Wed. 6	@ Wesleyan	4:00 p.m.
Sat. 9	Salem St.	1:00 p.m.
Mon. 11	@ Fram. St	1:00 p.m.
Sat. 16	Bridge. St	3:30 p.m.
Wed. 20	@ Ma. Coll	3:00 p.m.
Sat. 23	@ Smith	1:00 p.m.
Wed. 27	Keene St.	7:00 p.m.
Sat. 30	Fitch. St.	1:00 p.m.

MASCAC 1998 Standings

Team	MASCAC	Overall
Salem St.	5-1	8-8-2
Fram. St.	4-2	16-3-0
Worc. St	3-2-1	12-4-2
Bridg. St	2-2-2	5-9-2
Mass. Coll	3-3	10-8-0
WSC	**1-3-2**	**7-7-4**
Fitch. St.	0-5-1	3-13-2

Goals Scored

Name	Team	Goals
1 N Abbott	Fram. St	20
2 V Vallee	Worc. St	16
3 D Mttmre	MCLA	12
3 L Pecoraro	MCLA	12
3 C Bonatti	MCLA	12
6 A Stoudt	Fram. St	11
7 B Hodsdon	Salem St.	10
8 Burkinshw	Worc. St.	9
9 J Duncan	Fitch. St.	8
10 J Farrell	MCLA	6
14 HMaines	**WSC**	**4**

Goals Allowed Avg.

Name	Team	Avg.
1 K Kern	Fram. St.	0.46
2 L Trechok	Salem St.	1.12
3 J Easttey	**WSC**	**1.14**
4 K O'Conner	Worc. St.	1.21
5 K Morrissey	MCLA	1.83

Men's Soccer

Men's Soccer Schedule

Day	Opponent	Time
Sept.		
Wed. 8	@W. Conn	7:00 p.m.
Sat. 11	@Williams	1:00 p.m.
Tue. 14	@E. Conn	4:00 p.m.
Sat. 18	Springfield	7:00 p.m.
Tue. 21	@WNEC	4:00 p.m.
Thurs. 23	@A. Magnus	4:00 p.m.
Tue. 28	UMass Bost	7:00 p.m.
October		
Fri. 1	Worc. St.	7:00 p.m.
Mon. 4	River Coll.	7:00 p.m.
Sat. 9	@Salem St.	1:00 p.m.
Tue. 12	Fram. St.	7:00 p.m.
Sat. 16	@Bridg. St.	1:00 p.m.
Thurs. 21	@Keene St.	7:00 p.m.
Sat. 23	Mass. Mar.	1:00 p.m.
Tue. 26	WPI	7:00 p.m.
Sat. 30	Fitch. St.	12:00 p.m.

MASCAC 1998 Standings

Team	MASCAC	Overall
Salem St.	7-0	16-2-2
Worc. St.	5-2-0	10-7-0
Bridg. St.	5-2-0	11-7-1
MCLA	4-2-1	10-7-3
WSC	**3-3-1**	**9-7-1**
Fram. St.	1-6-0	7-11-1
Fitch. St.	1-6-0	7-11

Men's Soccer cont.

Goals Scored

Name	Team	Goals
E Kodiat	Salem St.	22
N Arnold	Fitch. St.	14
T Whitney	**WSC**	**13**
D Simpson	Salem St.	10
S Balea	Salem St.	11
A Amechi	Worc. St.	9

Goals Allowed Avg.

Name	Team	Avg.
J Pertillar	Salem St.	.78
T.J. Geyson	MCLA	.98
Ammendolia	**WSC**	**1.42**
S Sullivan	Bridg. St.	1.98
A Hibbard	Worc. St,	2.00
W Connolly	Fram. ST.	2.01
A King	Mass. Mar	2.49
T Pavlakos	Worc. St.	2.67
M Juergens	Fitch. St.	3.51

Field Hockey

Field Hockey Schedule

Day	Opponent	Time
September		
Sat. 4	@Springfield	11/1
Sun. 5	@Springfield	11/1
Wed. 8	Bryant	7:00 p.m.
Sat. 11	Endicott	3:00 p.m.
Thurs. 16	WNEC	7:00 p.m.
Sat. 18	@WPI	1:00 p.m.
Tues. 21	@Elms	4:00 p.m.
Thurs. 23	@Wesleyan	4:30 p.m.
Sat. 25	@Worc. St.	10:00 a.m.
Tues. 28	@Keene St.	6:00 p.m.
October		
Sat. 2	@Bridg. St.	1:00 p.m.
Tues. 5	@Assumption	4:00 p.m.
Fri. 8	@AIC	4:00 p.m.
Tues. 12	E. Conn.	4:00 p.m.
Sat. 16	Fram. St.	1:00 p.m.
Wed. 20	RPI	7:00 p.m.
Sat. 23	Salem St.	4:00 p.m.
Tues. 26	Fitch. St.	4:00 p.m.

MASCAC 1998 Standings

Team	MASCAC	Overall
Worc. St.	5-0	14-5
Bridg. St.	3-2	7-10
Salem St.	3-2	5-11
Fram. St.	2-3	9-10
Fitch. St.	1-4	7-9
WSC	**1-4**	**6-11**

Goals Scored

Name	Team	Goals
L Stockdale	Worc. St.	16
A Silva	Bridg. St.	11
N Turcotte	Salem St.	8
K Cascio	Worc. St.	8
N Doherty	Bridg. St.	7
A Castinetti	Fram. St.	7
L Lahue	**WSC**	**6**
J Chaffee	Worc. St.	6
L Harris	Salem St.	6
N Chandler	Bridg. St.	6
J LeBlanc	Fitch. St.	6

Goals Allowed Avg.

Name	Team	Avg.
L Graves	Worc. St.	1.23
A Dick	Fram. St.	1.30
R Tomassian	Fitch. St.	1.56
J Gordon	Salem St.	1.91
P Fisher	**WSC**	**2.25**
L Champagne	Bridg. St.	2.78
J DuBois	Salem St.	3.23

Women's Volleyball

Volleyball Schedule

Day	Opponent	Time
September		
Thurs. 9	Becker	7:00 p.m.
Sat. 11	@Fitch. St.	11:00 a.m.
Tues. 14	Keene St.	6:00 p.m.
Sat. 18	@Salem St.	11:00 a.m.
Wed 22	@Fram. St.	7:00 p.m.
Fri. 24	@Bridg. St.	4:00 p.m.
Sat. 25	@Bridg. St.	1:00 p.m.

New England Patriots

Week 3 Action

September 26th

NY Giants

8:20 p.m.

Watch Drew Bledsoe and Terry Glenn test the speed of Jason Seahorn.

Volleyball Schedule Cont.

Day	Opponent	Time
September		
Tues. 28	MCLA	7:00 p.m.
Thurs. 30	@Emmanuel	6:00 p.m.
October		
Sat. 2	@Amherst	10:00 a.m.
Tues. 5	@Mass. Mar.	6:00 p.m.
Thurs. 7	WNEC	7:00 p.m.
Tues. 12	Williams	7:00 p.m.
Sat. 16	@Springfield	9:00 p.m.
Tues. 19	@Amherst	7:00 p.m.
Sat. 23	@Conn. Coll.	12:00 p.m.
Tues. 26	@J&W	7:00 p.m.

Win Percentage

Team	Overall	Win %
WSC	**20-15**	.571
Salem St.	14-13	.519
Fram. St.	12-12	.500
Bridg. St.	16-22	.421
Worc. St.	7-16	.304
Fitch. St.	6-18	.250
Mass. Mar.	5-21	.192
MCLA	0-14	.000

Men's Cross Country

Cross Country Schedule

Date	Meet
Sept. 11	Smith Invitational
Sept. 18	UMass Dartmouth Invitational
Sept. 25	Cod Fish Bowl Invitational
Oct. 2	Babson Invitational
Oct. 9	Williams Invitational
Oct. 16	James Early Invitational
Oct. 23	State Conferance Finals
Oct. 30	New England Alliance Finals
Nov. 6	ECAC Championships
Nov. 13	N.E. Div. 3 Championships

1998 MASCAC Championships

Team	Points
Bridgewater State	37
Westfield State	43
Salem State	74
Mass. Maritime	103
Fitchburg State	144
Framingham State	181
MCLA	INC
Worcester State	INC

1998 MASCAC Championships

Name	Team	Time
S Tsegai	Bridg. St.	24:27
D Floyd	Salem St.	24:35
F Wilber	Fram. St.	24:54
A Roche	**WSC**	**25:54**
A Sliva	Bridg. St.	25:59
B Church	**WSC**	**26:15**
B Houston	Bridg. St.	26:21

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Women's Cross Country

Cross Country Schedule

Date	Meet
Sept. 11	Smith Invitational
Sept. 18	UMass Dartmouth Invitational
Sept. 25	Cod Fish Bowl Invitational
Oct. 2	Babson Invitational
Oct. 9	Williams Invitational
Oct. 16	James Early Invitational
Oct. 23	State Conferance Finals
Oct. 30	New England Alliance Finals
Nov. 6	ECAC Championships
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1998 MASCAC Championships

Team	Points
Westfield State	23
Fitchburg State	65
Salem State	66
Bridgewater State	82
Framingham State	138
Mass. Maritime	151
MCLA	INC

1998 MASCAC Championships

Name	Team	Time
R Jansen	Fitch. State	20:54
D Cares	**WSC**	21:04
A Carney	**WSC**	21:05
Dziengelewski	**WSC**	21:07
M Merrow	**WSC**	21:21
C Galindez	Fitch. State	21:26
B Dalton	Salem St.	26:21

RED SOX SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Time
September		
21	Tor	7:05
22	Tor	7:05
23	Tor	7:05
24	Balt	7:05
25	Balt	1:15
26	Balt	1:05

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1999 WSC Football preview

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Offensive Line

The offensive line is loaded with experience. it is anchored by senior tri-captain Mark Luke, a 6-4, 295-pound tackle. Luke is a three-year starter and a two-time all conference selection. Additionally, he was named the Owl's Lineman of the Year each of the past two seasons. Senior guard Bob Colbert is starting for the forth consecutive season. Other returning starters are junior guard Pat harrington and senior center Kris Lagor. Sophomore tackle George Emanuel, who saw considerable action as a freshman, completes the veteran cast. The second-team depth chart includes junior center Brian Ross, freshmen guards Dave Duquette and Chris Perry, and freshmen tackles Ron Rich and Doug Kaczmarcyzk. Rich was switched from tight end to solidify the offensive front. Coach Marino believes Kaczmarcyzk will see considerable playing time as the season progresses.

Receivers/Tight Ends

The Owls have everybody back here, too. Fifth-year senior Rick Cincotta posted team highs of 26 catches, 508 receiving yards, and seven touchdowns last season. Sophomore Vinny Ferrecchia had 10 receptions for 107 yards, while tight end John Frasco totaled 16 catches for 240 yards and four scores. Sophomore reserves are tight end Ryan Lamb and receivers David Carabin and David Eaton.

Offensive Backs

This is another of the Owl's strengths. The backfield is led be senior Jason Votzakis. The 5-9, 218-pound Agawam native has both the speed and the power to pick up yardage. Last seeason he became the second back in Westfield State history to rush for 1,000 yards. He carried the ball 266 times in 1998 for 1,240 net yards. Votzkakis rushed for 968 yards his sophomore campaign, and he is currently seventh on the all-time scoring list with 84 points. The Owls could have a punishiing ground attack this season with Shawn Lyman as Votzakis' backup. The 5-10, 185-pounder from West Springfield displayed his potential last season when he rushed for 239 yards on 78 carries. Look for Lyman to improve those numbers in '99. Also returning are sophomore fullback P.J. Lorentzen and the versatile senior back Frank DeLuca. Lorentzen is primarily used as a blocking back, while DeLuca is a key contributor as a reserve fullback and receiver out of the backfield. last season DeLuca tied for the team high in receptions with 26 and rushed for 47 yards on eight carries. Marino predicts a bright future for freshman tailback Frankie Caabrera, a 5-6, 158-pound speedster from Amherst. The Owls' top two quarterbacks also return: senior Dean DiGregorio and junior Chirs Bourget. DiGregorio completed 63 of 148 passes for 894 yards and 10 touchdowns during an injury-plagued 1999 season. Bourget played in six games, including two starts, and completed 27 of 62 passes for 340 yards and three scores. The Owls also have three freshmen signal callers on this year's team, including Greenfield native Jesse Phelps. "He's going to be a good one," said Marino. "He reminds me a lot of Weso (Kevin Wesoloski)." Wesoloski, also a Franklin County native from Frontier Regional, set numerous passing records for the Owls in the early '90s.

Defensive Line

There is more experience here than in previous seasons. The Owls have four veterans in the pits, including senior tackle Mike Flaherty and senior end Gabe Bonneville, both of whom were sidelined in '98 with injuries. Senior nose tackle Jay Cael (31 tackles in '98 and 29 in '97) anchors the interior with Flaherty. junior end Tim Corr, a 6-4, 205-pounder who posted 34 tackles in '98, completes the solid front four. Reserves includes freshmen ends Dan LaCruz and Jason Pleau and freshmen tacjles Tim Macchi and Mark Howard.

Linebackers

Senior tri-captain Brett Poirier leads the linebackers. The second-team all conference pick led the Owls in tackles last season with 103. Junior Ken Stewart was the teams fifth leading tackler a year ago. The third starter is listed as senior Jamie Wallworkm, with freshmen Jim Vittum his backup. Junior John Hergenhan is behind Stewart on the depth chart and promising freshmen Mike Hurteau of Troy, N.Y., fills in for Poirier.

Defensive Backs

Senior tri-captain T.J. Raeke begins his forth season as a starter. The 5-11, 210-pound strong safety was an all conference selection in '98; he has a three-year total of 148 tackles, five fumble recoveries and 12 interceptions. Raeke was the fourth-leading tackler and posted a team high five interceptions in '98. The other returning starter is sophomore safety Ryan Clifford (37 tackles). Westfield's biggest question mark is at the corners, where sophomore Patrick Swett and junior transfer Al Gates have limited experience. Reserves include sophomore free safety Neal Byrne and junior cornerbacks Kyle Kostanski and Mike Caron.

Specialty Teams

T.J. Taeke is slated to handle the punting chores after a strong pre-season. The left footer did not punt last season because of injury. John Frasco is a capable replacement; he punted the entire '98 season, averaging 34.6 yards per boot. Frasco and Paul Morcone, a junior transfer from Hudson Valley Community College, are battling for the placekicking duties. Returning punts and kickoffs are Frank DeLuca and Frankie Cabrera. DeLuca led the team in punt (23 for 188) and kickoff (9 for 130 yards) returns in '98, but Marino is also high on Cabrera because of his speed.

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-Photo by Mickey Curtis

Karl Labadorf was MASCAC player of the week on the strength of his 6 goals and 6 assists in 6 games.

Men and Women Soccer head in different directions

Sept. 1999

SPRINGFIELD - The Westfield State College men's soccer team won its third straight game by rolling to a 5-1 victory over Western New England College Tuesday afternoon.

Junior Andrew Lewis of Danvers scored his first of two goals to give the Owls a 1-0 lead. Junior Tim Whitney of Marlboro scored late in the first half to give the Owls a 2-0 halftime edge.

Junior Karl Labadorf of Wilbraham, the Mass. State Conference player of the week and leading scorer, blasted a wicked shot off the inside right post to make the score 3-0 early in the second half.

Labadorf assisted on both on Lewis' goals to give him 15 points (five goals, five assists) this season. Junior Chris Machado also had two assists in addition to scoring Westfield's fifth goal. Also credited with an assist was freshman Chris Whalley of Southwick.

WNEC scored with 1:40 left in the game to foil the shutout bid.

Westfield, 3-2, returns to action Thursday when it plays Albertus Magnus College in New Haven, Conn.

Eastern Conn. 2 - Westfield State 0

WILLIMANTIC, Conn. - The Westfield State women's soccer team dropped to 1-3 as it was blanked by Eastern Connecticut, 2-0. The Owls have only scored one goal in their first four games.

Eastern Connecticut, 5-1, scored midway through the first half and 57 seconds into the second half. Westfield was outshot, 28-6.

The Owls host Western New England College Thursday at 7:00 p.m.

-Photo by Mickey Curtis

Caoch Whalley gives his players something to think about.

Owls drop a tough one to WNEC

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Sophomore running back Marvin Langley of Lewiston, Maine, rushed for 219 yards on 25 carries and scored three touchdowns to power Western New England College to a 28-21 come-from-behind New England Football Conference victory over Westfield State on Saturday, Sept. 18.

Trailing 21-20 with 10:19 left in the game, WNEC, 1-1, mounted a 16-play, 90-yard drive powered by Langley's relentless running. The 5-10, 190-pounder carried the ball 13 tiomes for 69 yards during the game-winning drive, including a six-yard touchdown run with 1:37 remaining.

Langley also ripped off a 66-yard touchdown run with five minutes left in the third quarter as WNEC closed within a point, 21-20.

WNEC did lead 14-0 after the first quarter on a five-yard touchdown run by John Hyaatt and a 15-yard TD scamper by Langley.

Westfield, 0-2, tied the score with two second-period scores: a 37-yard pass-run play by Frank DeLuca and a one-yard touchdown run by Jason Votzakis with 10 seconds left in the half. Votzakis led the Owls with 157 yards rushing on 25 carries.

The Owls took a 21-14 lead with just under six minutes remaining in the third quarter on a 10-yard scamper by quarterback Chris Bourget.

Men's Soccer 3 - Springfield 2

Junior forward Karl Labadorf of Wilbraham scored two goals and added an assist to lead the Westfield State men's soccer team to a 3-2 victory over local rival Springfield College.

The exciting, hard-fought game was played Saturday evening in front of a large crowd at Alumni Field.

Springfield took advantage of a breakdown in the Westfield defense to score 1:13 into the game. The Owls tied the score 31:05 into the first half when Jeff Autenrieth scored off a nice pass from Labadorf.

Labadorf scored six minutes later to give the Owls a 2-1 lead. He used his deceptive quickness to score another goal 13 minutes into the second half. Springfield closed to within a goal, scoring off an indirect kick with 18 minutes remaining.

Westfield, 2-2, plays at Western New England College on Tuesday afternoon.

WPI 1 - Field Hockey 0

WORCESTER - The Westfield State field hockey team had its three-game winning streak snapped by Worcester Polytech.

The Owls, 3-2, play at Elms College on Tuesday afternoon.

WPI scored the only goal with 10 minutes left in the game. WPI outshot the Owls, 17-8.

Volleyball Drops First

SALEM - The Westfield State women's volleyball team lost its first game of the season in a Mass. State Conference quad meet here Saturday.

Salem State defeated Westfield 15-6, 15-12, 15-9. The Owls came back to defeat Fitchburg State 15-7, 15-12, 15-4, and Worcester State 15-7, 15-6, 15-5.

Westfield's record is now 6-1 overall and 2-1 in the conference.

Cross Country Results

NORTH DARTMOUTH - The Westfield State men's and women's cross country teams both placed high in the UMass Dartmouth Invitational on Saturday.

The Westfield women finished fifth in the 21-team field with 130 points. The Owls trailed Messiah College of Pennsylvania (86), Colby (91), Southern Connecticut (107), and Connecticut College (126).

Senior Melissa Merrow was Westfield's top finisher, placing 11th with a time of 19:15 on the 5,000 meter course. Senior Diana Cares was 17th in 19:26, Southwick's Starr Dziengelewski finished 32nd in 19:52, and Alison Carnie placed 35th in 19:58.

Westfield finished sixth in the 20-team men's meet with 184 points, trailing Coast Gurad (53), Trinity (81), New Haven (93), Southern Maine (115), and Springfield (124).

Senior Kevin LaCoste placed 18th on the 8,045 meter course in 26:38. He was followed by Westfield native Rick Krupa (35th, 27:10); Jason Pappas (38th, 27:13), and Adam Roche (43rd, 27:33).

Individual winners were Coast Guard's Marc Akus (25:31) and Springfield's Barbara Swallow (17:32).

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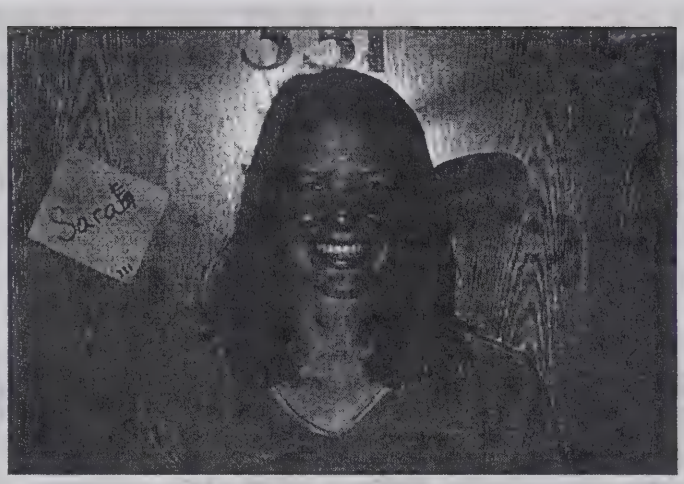

Sara Monahan

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CAROLINE FROST

SPORTS EDITOR

WSC sophomore Sara Monahan has challenged her physical and emotional strength for the opportunity to be part of the Westfield State College field hockey team.

Monahan said, what you put in is what you get. She proved this to herself and others when she was chosen for last year's Second Team All-Conference.

"Last year wasn't easy for me, I had my setbacks," said Monahan.

Monahan suffered severe dehydration at the beginning of the season and after spending time in the hospital, she went back on the field. She was determined to give it everything that she had.

This obstacle was shortly followed by another one. Monahan tore her meniscus and ACL. But instead of giving up, whe worked hard and showed more motivation to help out the team.

"Being a part of the team is like being a part of a big family, so it made it easy to get back on my feet and play."

Having a sense of family when she is away from home is important to Monahan. She was able to find this closeness in her teammates.

"My mom taught me to be myself and help others with my strengths. I'm glad I've had this opportunity to do so," said Monahan.

Throughout Monahan's season, she has shown complete dedication and tremendous

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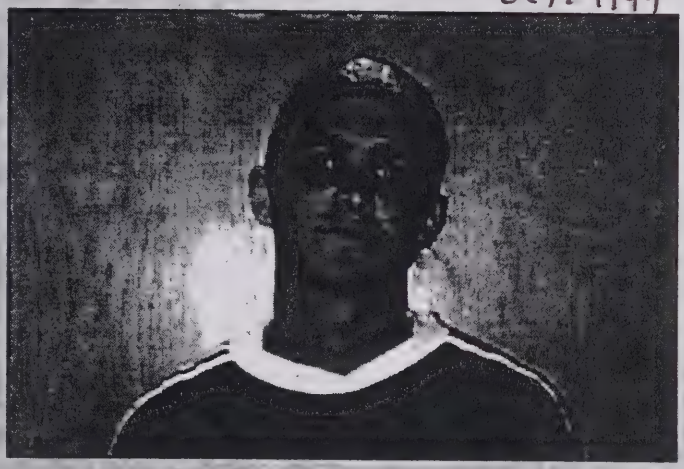

Jason Pappas

CAROLINE FROST

SPORTS EDITOR

This year WSC has won itself a prize athlete. Transfering from Bridgewater State College, Jason Pappas is starting his junior year as part of the Westfield State cross-country team.

"I was nervous to run here because Westfield was our rivals. After I saw the team's spirit and dedication it didnt take long to adjust," Pappas said. "At WSC the men's crosscountry team isnt only about doing your best individually, but doing your best for the team."

Pappas was All-Conference freshman and sophmore year. He hopes hardwork will bring him this honor for the third year in a row. Pappas also helped lead Bridgewater's victory during MASCAC for the past two years.

"Westfield has a very strong team this year, I would love to see us win MASCAC this year." Pappas said.

This hardworking athlete didn't come to Westfield just to run.

"The main reason why I came to WSC was to persue my college education as a criminal justice major." said Pappas.

Pappas hopes to follow in his father's footsteps as a cop in his hometown of Fitchburg, Ma.

"My parents have taught me to work hard and achieve my goals, they have supported me all the way." Pappas said.

Pappas has aimed high and with dedication accomplished the goals he has set for himself. With his motivation he has shown to be a loyal teammate and an admirable individual.

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A Look At Westfield State Varsity Sports

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By Mickey Curtis - Sports Information Director

The Westfield State College fall varsity sports teams are still battling for playoff berths as the approach the final weeks of their seasons.

The games in the Mass. State Conference (MASAC) takes on an added importance this year as league champions earn an automatic bid to the NCAA Tournament if seven or more teams play round robin schedules in conference sports. In the MASCAC, this includes football, men's and women's soccer, women's volleyball, men's and women's basketball, baseball and softball. In the future, postseason tournaments are being planned in all these sports to determine the conference's automatic bids.

The conference regular season is also crucial as the top three teams earn Smith Cup points. Westfield State claimed its first Smith Cup crown in 20 years during the 1997-98 year, but dropped to fourth place in the eight-team conference last year. All seven of Westfield State's fall sports could pick up Smith Cup points this season.

The **men's soccer team** of third-year coach Paul Whalley owned a 7-4 overall record and a 2-1 conference mark heading into this past Saturday's game at Bridgewater State. The Owls dropped a key game at Salem State, 3-1, but played without leading scorer Karl Labadorf, who has been sidelined with a knee injury. Other leading scorers are junior Andrew Lewis and freshman midfielder Chris Whalley, the coach's son. Westfield plays two big games this week. The Owls travel to Keene State on Thursday, then host surprising Mass. Maritime Academy this Saturday. Mass Maritime is coached by Westfield State alumnus Greg Perry, who will be returning for his 10th year reunion that day.

The **women's soccer team** has been improving each game after a slow start in which it only scored one goal in its first five games. The Owls are 1-2 in league play, losing tough overtime games at Worcester State and Framingham State. Westfield did defeat defending champion Salem State, 1-0. The team has two veteran all conference players in senior Holly Maines and Krista DiCarlo. But the Owls are relatively young with fourth-year coach Donna Coombs starting as many as six freshmen. Westfield's leading scorer is reserve freshman Roberta Kobjack, who scored in four straight games. Classmate Janet Bourget also is a scoring threat.

The **field hockey team** is 7-6 overall and 3-0 in the conference. The Owls conclude their conference season with key home games vs. Salem State on Oct. 23 and Fitchburg State on Oct. 26. First-year coach Heather Cabral believes this is one of the best Westfield teams in the past 10 years. Cabral is the school's all-time leading scorer and was a senior on the Owls' 1991 conference championship squad. Westfield has solid senior leadership: Erica Pratt is the team's leading scorer with 12 points, followed by Kara Jagodzinski (9 points) and Leah Manseau (8 points).

The **women's volleyball team** sported a 13-7 record heading into this past Saturday's matches at the Springfield Invitational. Westfield finished the conference with a 5-2 record, and will probably be the No. 3 seed for the league's postseason tournament, scheduled for Oct. 29-30 at Bridgewater State. The tournament champion receives the NCAA automatic bid, so the Owls are planning to peak at the right time. Westfield has a good mix of regulars, including returnees Melissa Card, Katie Simlick, Katelynn Butler, Sarah Cormier, and Vanessa Rea, and first-year players Katelyn Foley and Larissa Farrell, a junior transfer from Ithaca College. The team is coached this season by Hilary Epling, a two-time All American at the University of Tampa.

The **football team** finally got the breaks in an exciting 31-13 victory over Framingham State for its first victory of the season. The Owls had opportunities to win their first four games but turnovers and the inability to execute inside the red zone led to the losses. Westfield is receiving plenty of production from senior running back Jason Votzakis, who is ranked third in NCAA Division III in rushing yards per game (157.6). The Owls also have an exciting rusher/kick returner in freshman Frankie Cabrera of Amherst. Senior receiver John Frasco has been productive, with all three of his receptions resulting in touchdowns. Frasco also handles the placekicking chores and is the second leading scorer with 32 points. Defensively, junior end Tim Corr has emerged as a standout. Corr has wreaked havoc on the opposition with his quickness; he leads the team with eight quarterback sacks, two fumble recoveries and two fumbles caused.

The Westfield State **men's and women's cross country teams** are favored to capture the conference championships, which will take place at Stanley Park this Saturday. The women are heavy favorites to claim their fourth consecutive title led by seniors Diana Cares, Melissa Merrow, Lisa Roy and Alison Carnie. The men's squad also has quality seniors in Kevin LaCoste, Rick Krupa and Tim Trull. Bolstering the squad this season are freshman Tom Bousquet of Chicopee and junior Jason Pappas, a transfer from Bridgewater State. The cross country teams prepared for the conference championships by hosting the fourth annual James Earley Invitational this past weekend. The invitational continues to grow in popularity each year. More than 20 teams entered this year's race, including Castleton State, Vt., Coast Guard, Hartwick, N.Y., New York University, Vassar, and Williams.

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With the fall sports season winding down, the winter varsity sports have already begun preparing for the 1999-2000 campaign. The **women's swimming and diving team** of veteran coach Dave Laing has been practicing for the past few weeks; its season opener is Oct. 30 at Simmons College. The **women's and men's basketball teams** started practice drills Oct. 15 (without basketballs); they can begin full practice sessions this Saturday. The women's team has no seniors but should still be a conference frontrunner. The men's teams expects to more than double its win output (six victories) of a year ago. Second-year coach Rich Sutter hit the recruiting trail hard and has brought in a number of talented transfers and freshmen to complement a solid returning cast. Both teams open their season Nov. 19-20 at the Eastern Connecticut State Tournament.

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A belated congratulations to **Sarah Corriveau** (Class of '99) for being selected the Female Scholar Athlete of the Year in the Mass. State Conference for the 1998-99 academic year. Corriveau was a four-year track and field standout in addition to excelling in the classroom. Corriveau is the ninth Westfield State student-athlete in the past 20 years to receive this prestigious award, the most of any college in the eight-team conference. **Westfield State student-athletes** continue to excel in the classroom as nearly half of them posted grade point averages of 3.0 or higher during the spring 1999 semesters. Forty-eight percent of the student-athletes (149 of 308) earned a B average or better this past semester, while 34 percent completed the '99 spring semester with cumulative averages of 3.0 or higher. In addition, the average GPA for the spring semester was 2.91 and the average cumulative GPA was 2.81. The percentages and averages represent the highest marks ever for the varsity athletics program at Westfield State College. "We are very proud of all our student-athletes, the way they perform on the playing field and in the classroom," said Westfield State athletics director Ken Magarian. "I would especially like to thank the faculty, staff, and coaches for their support and guidance they give to our student-athletes."

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Soccer, Field Hockey Roundups

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Men's Soccer 4
Framingham State 0

Junior forward Tim Whitney of Marlboro tallied two goals and an assist to lead Westfield State to a 4-0 men's soccer home victory over Framingham State.

Also scoring were junior Chris Machado and freshman Garrett O'Connell.

Westfield State outshot the Rams, 28-6. The Owls played without leading scorers Karl Labadorf and Andrew Lewis, who were sidelined with injuries.

Salem 3 - Men's Soccer 1

SALEM - Salem State sophomore Anibal Mazrrani, the league's leading scorer, tallied twice to lift Salem State to a key 3-1 Mass. State Conference victory.

Trailing 2-0 at halftime, sophomore Hugo Destapado of Chicopee scored for Westfield at the 61:44 mark. Mazrrani sealed the win with eight minutes remaining on an unassisted goal near the corner.

Westfield was outshot, 8-2, in the physical game.

Field Hockey 5
Eastern Connecticut 0

The Pratt sisters of Feeding Hills and Agawam High School powered Westfield State to a 5-0 field hockey victory over Eastern Connecticut State.

Erica Pratt, a senior midfielder, tallied two goals, while Alison Pratt, a sophomore, contributed a goal and an assist. Senior forward Leah Manseau also had a goal and an assist. Senior back Kara Jagodzinski completed the scoring with an early second-half goal that gave the Owls a 3-0 lead.

Westfield outshot the visitors, 24-2.

Williams 3
Women's Volleyball 0

The Westfield State women's volleyball team fell to a strong Williams squad 1-15, 4-15, 10-15. The Owls are now 13-7 overall.

Framingham 2
Women's Soccer 1

FRAMINGHAM - Angela Forresta's goal with 10:15 remaining in the second overtime lifted Framingham State to a 2-1 win. Framingham improves to 9-4 overall and 2-1 in conference play. Westfield falls to 5-7 overall and 1-2 in the MASCAC.

Forresta collected a cross from freshman Kirstein O'Coin and scored into an empty net when Westfield goalie Jill Eastley went to play the O'Coin cross. Amanda Stoudt also was in front of the goal and attempted to score, but she shot the ball into the post and it came down to Forresta, who put it into the net.

Women's Soccer 1 - Salem 0

The Westfield State women's soccer team won its third straight game with a big home victory.

Freshman Janet Bourget scored the game-winning goal off a cross in front of the net. Westfield controlled midfield play for most of the game and outshot Salem, 12-7.

AIC 1 - Field Hockey 0

SPRINGFIELD - Senior wing Nichole Martin's goal in the second overtime gave AIC a 1-0 upset win over Westfield State.

Votzakis Powers Football

WESTFIELD - Senior running back Jason Votzakis of Agawam rushed for a career-high 231 yards on 27 carries and scored on touchdown runs of 71 and 48 yards to power Westfield State to a 31-13 New England Football Conference victory over Framingham State.

It was the first victory of the season for the Owls, who are 1-4 overall and 1-2 in the Red Divison of the NEFC. Framingham is 2-3 overall and 1-2 in the division.

Trailing 7-3 at halftime, the Owls exploded for 14 points in both the third and fourth quarters.

Votzakis gave Westfield the lead midway through the third period when the 5-9, 218-pounder outraced Framingham defenders for a 71-yard touchdown. The play immediately followed a roughing the punter penalty against Framingham at the 14-yard line.

With Westfield leading 24-13, Votzakis sealed the victory by blasting up the middle for a 48-yard touchdown run with 5:15 left in the game.

Westfield also received second-half scores on pass receptions to tight end John Frasco of Chicopee (33 yards) and Rick Cincotta (11 yards).

Frasco's TD with 1:45 remaining in the third quarter gave Westfield a 17-7 lead and also was preceded by a big play. Senior strong safety T.J. Raeke of Marlboro recovered a fumble by Framingham quarterback Luke Callahan at the Westfield 1-yard line and returned it 55 yards to the Framingham 44.

Callahan, a sophomore and a Framingham native, scored the Rams' touchdowns on runs of one and 47 yards. The elusive quarterback finished with 102 net yards rushing and completed 11 of 25 passes for 135 yards. However, he threw four interceptions and lost the key fumble late in the third quarter.

Also playing well for Westfield was freshman running back Frankie Cabrera. The speedy 5-6, 158-pounder from Amherst rushed for 119 yards on 20 carries.

The Owls also had several standouts defensively. Junior end Tim Corr of Duxbury continued his fine play with 13 tackles (9 solos), two sacks, and two fumbles caused, including the fumble that set up Raeke's big return. Junior linebacker Ken Stewart of Southbridge posted nine tackles and recovered a fumble, and sophomore Ryan Clifford of Waltham intercepted two passes.

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Owls' Corner

Karen Bardani

Oct 1999

Caroline Frost
Sports Editor

Westfield State College sophomore Karen Bardani is proud to have helped contribute to the victory of the women's cross-country team.

"This was my first year running, so I was a little nervous," Bardani said.

But her performance showed no fear. She started off her first meet with a fifth-place finish and she has consistently kept this place.

Bardani said her teammates have been very supportive and kept her working hard. "I wasn't sure if I could do it," she said. "I never ran cross country before." Bardani blew by the competition, giving WSC a perfect score at last week's MASCAC championship.

Bardani is not only dedicated to running, but she is also highly dedicated to her academics. Bardani's future plans include graduating with a double major in education and history from WSC.

When asked who has been an inspiration ironically Bardani said her little brother.

"My little brother has a learning disability, seeing how much time and hard work he puts into his studies helps me push myself to reach my goals. The way he looks up to me keeps my motivation."

This star athlete has made an impressive start at Westfield State College. Karen Bardani has given everything she's got, proving that hard work and dedication are the key ingredients to be a winner.

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Field Hockey Team Claims Share of MASCAC Crown

The Pratt sisters of Feeding Hills (Agawam High School) teamed up for the game-winning goal to lead Westfield State to a 1-0 overtime field hockey victory over Fitchburg State last Tuesday.

The thrilling victory gave Westfield a share of the Mass. State Conference regular season championship. Westfield and Salem tied for first place with 4-1 records; Fitchburg finished third at 3-2.

It is the fourth conference field hockey crown that Westfield State has won or shared in the past six years. Westfield State also won another title during the 1990s, during head coach Heather Cabral's senior season in 1991.

The Owls scored off a penalty corner, with Erica Pratt executing a nice crossing pass that sophomore Sara Monahan deflected to Alison Pratt near the left post. Alison Pratt put in the sudden-death goal with 1:02 left in the first overtime.

Westfield outshot Fitchburg, 8-4, and had 12 penalty corners to the visitors' five. Westfield freshman goalie Jill Annunciata recorded four saves, including three big stops on breakaways in the overtime.

"We work on all penalty corners all the time in practice and we were finally able to put one in," said Cabral. "In fact, that was the same penalty corner play we scored on my senior year to defeat Salem to win the championship."

Westfield, 9-8 overall, concluded its regular season with a home game Saturday at 4:00 vs. WNEC. Fitchburg is 12-4 overall.

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Varsity Sports Roundups

The Westfield State women's soccer team was edged by regionally ranked Keene State, 2-1, on Wednesday evening.

Keene, 10-5-2, is rated 10th in the latest New England Division III poll.

Westfield took a 1-0 lead midway through the first half on a misdirection goal by junior midfielder Krista DiCarlo of West Springfield. Assisting on the score was freshman Janet Bourget.

Keene State tied the score with 3:45 left in the first half on a direct kick from 30 yards out by Jessica Williams. Keene scored the game-winner with six minutes remaining in the game on sophomore Katie Irwin's 15-yard chip shot over the goalie's head.

Women's Soccer 1 - Smith 0

NORTHAMPTON - The Westfield State women's soccer team continued its winning ways by edging Smith College, 1-0.

The Owls have won six of their past seven games to push their record above .500 at 8-7.

Senior standout Holly Maines, who was sidelined for the opening four games with a hamstring injury, continued to lead Westfield's upsurge. The Malden-on-Hudson, N.Y., native scored the game-winning goal for the second straight contest. Maines scored with five minutes left in the first half off a nice assist from sophomore Kelly Furlong of Dalton.

Men's Soccer 4 - Mass Mari. 1

Westfield exploded for three goals in the first 10 minutes of the game to post a Mass. State Conference men's soccer victory over Mass Maritime.

The Owls improved to 8-6 overall and 3-2 in the conference.

Scoring during a three-minute span of the first half were freshman Chris Whalley of Southwick, junior Andrew Lewis, and junior Karl Labadorf of Wilbraham. Sophomore Tim Cranson of Montgomery (Gateway Regional) scored for the Owls as the final buzzer sounded.

WPI 2 - Men's Soccer 1

The Westfield State men's soccer team suffered a 2-1 home loss to Worcester Polytech on Tuesday evening.

WPI took a 1-0 halftime lead when Tony Roccisano's shot deflected off a Westfield defender and into the goal. The Engineers took a 2-0 lead seven minutes into the second half on a beautiful header goal by Jon Cahill. The Owls scored four minutes later on a goal by Andrew Lewis. Freshman midfielder Chris Whalley of Southwick assisted on the score.

Salem 1 - Field Hockey 0

The Westfield State field hockey team lost to Salem State, 1-0, in a key Mass. State Conference game.

Salem State junior Morgan Stygles scored with 6:08 remaining in the game off a nice pass from senior standout Leanne Harris.

The Owls outshot Salem, 5-4,

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Cross Country Women "Four-Peat"; Men Regain Championship

Oct. 1999

By Mickey Curtis, SID

The Westfield State College men's and women's cross country teams dominated the Mass. State Conference championships held Saturday, October 23, at Stanley Park.

It was a perfect home finale for the Westfield women, in particular the team's four seniors, who won their fourth consecutive championship and set a conference record by posting the lowest score ever. Westfield took the first five places to shut out the opposition with 15 points. The previous low score was 16 points by Westfield's 1987 men's squad that qualified for the national championships.

The Owls were led by a strong senior trio: Diana Cares of Northboro won the individual crown for the third time in four years; Melissa Merrow of Dunstable finished second, and Alison Carnie of Haverhill was third. Cares was clocked in 19:04 over the 3.1 mile layout, 34 seconds ahead of Merrow.

Placing fourth for Westfield was junior Starr Hockenberry of Southwick. Sophomore Karen Bardani of Bethel, Conn., finished strong to take fifth place.

The Westfield men finished with 21 points to regain the crown after a two-year hiatus. The Westfield men have won 15 conference titles in the past 19 years.

Earning all conference honors for Wesfield by placing in the top seven were: senior Rick Krupa, a Westfield native, who was third over the five-mile course in 27:04; senior Kevin LaCoste of Athol finished fourth (27:12); junior Jason Pappas was fifth (27:14); and sophomore Adam Roche was sixth (27:14). Junior Brian Church of Monson rounded out Westfield's first five by finishing eighth in 27:33.

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1999 MASCAC CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS

Saturday, October 23, 1999
Stanley Park, Westfield, MA
Wet Course, Windy - 50 Degrees

Women's Team Scores

1. Westfield State	15
2. Bridgewater State	77
3. Fitchburg State	107
4. Salem State	110
5. Framingham State	116
6. Worcester State	146
7. Mass. Maritime Academy	167
8. Mass. College of Liberal Arts	Incomplete

Individual Finishers

1.	Diana Cares	Westfield	19:04
2.	Melissa Merrow	Westfield	19:38
3.	Alison Carnie	Westfield	19:58
4.	Starr Hockenberry	Westfield	20:13
5.	Karen Bardani	Westfield	20:24
6.	Marissa Petrillo	Salem	20:31
7.	Kim Gagliardi	Framingham	20:32
8.	Kristen Iworsky	Bridgewater	20:35
9.	Sarah Christie	Worcester	20:41
10.	Stephanie Poole	Westfield	20:41
11.	Lisa Roy	Westfield	20:49
12.	Lisa Eden	Framingham	20:59
13.	Bonni Dalton	Salem	21:04
14.	Cristie A. Galindez	Fitchburg	21:07
15.	Jennifer Barrett	Bridgewater	21:09

1999 MASCAC CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS

Saturday, October 23, 1999
Stanley Park, Westfield, MA
Wet Course, Windy - 50 Degrees

Men's Team Scores

1. Westfield State	21
2. Bridgewater State	60
3. Salem State	85
4. Worcester State	108
5. Mass. Maritime Academy	116
6. Fitchburg State	159
7. Framingham State	Incomplete
8. Mass. College of Liberal Arts	Incomplete

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Individual Finishers

1.	Daniel Smith	Salem	26:48
2.	Forest Wilber	Framingham	26:57
3.	Rick Krupa	Westfield	27:04
4.	Kevin LaCoste	Westfield	27:12
5.	Jason Pappas	Westfield	27:14
6.	Adam Roche	Westfield	27:15
7.	Arthur Silva	Bridgewater	27:18
8.	Brian Church	Westfield	27:33
9.	Dennis Floyd	Salem	27:46
10.	Andy Gallivan	Worcester	27:59
11.	Jeremy Tilton	Bridgewater	28:03
12.	Tom Bousquet	Westfield	28:08
13.	Tim Trull	Westfield	28:20
14.	Ben Houston	Bridgewater	28:29
15.	Patrick Gemme	Worcester	28:32
16.	Russell Trottier	Bridgewater	28:40
17.	Eric Nygard	Westfield	28:42
18.	Tim Gay	Bridgewater	28:48
19.	Derek Delanski	Fitchburg	28:54
20.	Anthony Vittorioso	Mass Maritime	29:25
21.	Kevin Rust	Bridgewater	29:28
22.	Lucas Rosen	MCLA	29:28
23.	James Pierce	Worcester	29:32
24.	Allen Moss	Westfield	29:37

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Football Edges Maine

CASTINE, Maine - Junior quarterback Chris Bourget threw a 19-yard touchdown pass to senior back Frank DeLuca with 3:10 remaining to lift Westfield State to a 14-13 victory over Maine Maritime Academy.

Maine Maritime took a 10-0 lead that was set up by two blocked punts. The Mariners led at halftime, 7-0, when linebacker Lucas DeWilt returned a blocked punt 47 yards for a touchdown. They scored midway through the third quarter on a 37-yard field goal by Keith Higginbottom.

Westfield closed to within three points, 10-7, late in the third quarter on a 1-yard touchdown run by Jason Votzakis. The Agawam native, who was ranked third nationally in rushing entering the game, finished with 131 yards on 35 carries.

Maine Maritime took a 13-7 lead early in the fourth quarter on a 24-yard field goal by Higginbottom. Westfield's game-winning score came on a nice fourth-down reception by DeLuca. Senior John Frasco of Chicopee booted the all-important extra point.

Reserve defensive back Mike Caron sealed the victory for the Owls when he intercepted a pass at the Westfield 20 yard line with under a minute remaining. It was Caron's second interception.

Other defensive standouts were freshman linebacker Mike Hurteau of Troy, N.Y., with 11 tackles (9 solos), and senior defensive tackle Mike Flaherty with two sacks.

Bourget had a steady game, completing 7 of 12 passes for 101 yards and the game-winning score. DeLuca finished with four receptions for 39 yards. Sophomore Vinny Ferrecchia had receptions of 35 and 25 yards that came on the two touchdown drives.

In addition to the two blocked punts, the Owls also had a field goal attempt blocked. But they otherwise played error-free ball with no interceptions, no fumbles, and just 30 yards in penalties.

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Volleyball Second In MASCAC Finals

BRIDGEWATER - Westfield State finished second in the Mass. State Conference championship volleyball tournament held Oct. 29-30 at Bridgewater State College.

Bridgewater State won its fifth consecutive conference volleyball championship by edging the Owls in the championship game 15-6, 8-15, 16-14, 15-8. The fourth game was tied 8-8, then Bridgewater ripped off seven straight points to clinch the championship.

Bridgewater State has won 51 straight matches vs. conference opponents during the past five years.

Westfield won its first four matches in the two-day tournament to set a school record for most victories in a season. The Owls were 21-12 heading into their season finale vs. Brandeis University at home this past Friday.

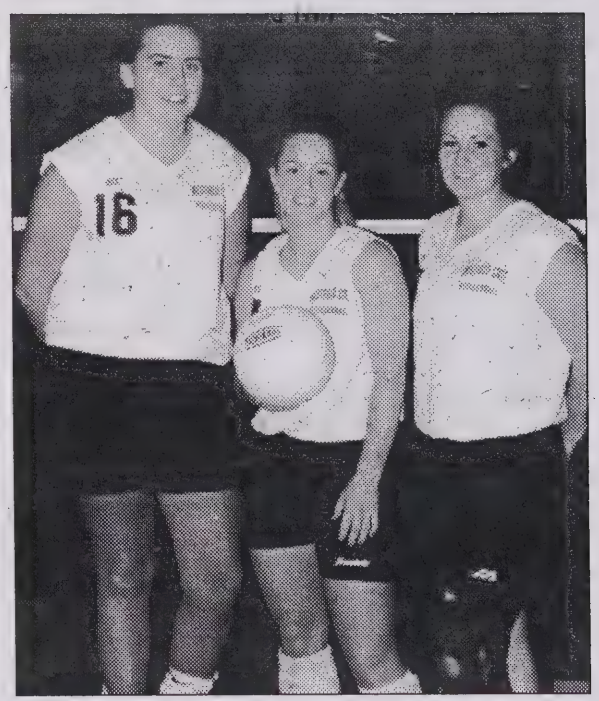
The Owls opened with a 15-5, 15-11, 15-11 victory over Mass Maritime Academy, then they knocked off No. 2 seed Salem State 18-16, 15-7, 15-4.

Westfield swept Worcester State 15-5, 15-2, 15-8, then advanced to a finals with a 15-9, 15-9, 15-9 victory over Fitchburg State.

Sophomore setter Sarah Cormier of Lowell was named to the all-tournament team. Cormier had 24 sets in the championship game, while sophomore Katie Simlick of Enfield, Conn., tallied 14 kills and seven digs.

In the big victory over Salem State, Simlick had eight kills and three digs and Cormer contributed 27 sets, five kills, two aces, three block assists, and four digs. Senior Vanessa Rea of Winsted, Conn., totaled two aces, eight kills, three sets, and five digs.

"I'm really proud of the way the team played," said first-year coach Hilary Epling.



Westfield State seniors, left to right, Katelyn Butler, Melissa Card and Vanessa Rea were named to the Mass.State all conference volleyball team. Rea and junior Larissa Farrell were first-team all conference selections, while Butler and Card were second-team pick. *Photo By Mickey Curtis*

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Cross Country Places High In Alliance Meet

KEENE, N.H. - The Westfield State women's and men's cross country teams placed second and third, respectively, in the New England Alliance Championships.

The Westfield women were edged by Southern Maine for the title in the 12-team field. Southern Maine totaled 30 points to edge the Owls by two points.

Southern Maine standout Penny Osborne was the individual champion with a time of 18:11 over the 3.1 mile course. Westfield's Diana Cares (19:43) and Melissa Merrow (19:50) finished second and third, respectively.

Southern Maine clinched the victory by taking the 4-5-6 spots. Westfield's Alison Carnie was seventh in 20:16, 11 seconds behind the sixth-place finisher, and Starr Hockenberry of Southwick finished eighth in 20:17. Also earning points for Westfield was Karen Bardani, who finished 12th in 20:40.

The Westfield State men finished with 76 points, trailing second place Southern Maine by four points. Keene State, one of the top teams in the country, won the meet with a perfect score of 15. Individual winner Matt St. Germaine was clocked in 25:40.

Placing for Westfield were: Kevin LaCoste (10th, 26:55), Westfield native Rick Krupa (12th, 26:57), Jason Pappas (14th, 27:02), Adam Roche (19th, 27:24), and Brian Church (21st, 27:57).

Women's Soccer Coach Resigns

By Mickey Curtis, SID

Donna Coombs has announced her resignation as head coach of the Westfield State College women's soccer team effective today.

Coombs - a highly successful coach at West Springfield High School before coming to Westfield State - posted a four-year record of 44-27-4 for the Owls.

In her first season, Westfield was 13-8 and captured the MAIAW postseason tournament championship. Westfield set a school record in 1997 with a 15-4 mark and won its first Mass. State Conference championship. Westfield was 9-8 this season and won six of its last eight games, with losses to Keene State, ranked 10th in New England, and Mass. State Conference champion Framingham State in overtime. After their slow start, the Owls came within a goal of winning the conference title and qualifying for their first NCAA Tournament.

"When I came to Westfield State four years ago, my goals were to reinstill pride in the program and to earn the respect of our opponents. Through the hard work and dedication of our student-athletes we've accomplished both," said Coombs. "The future looks very bright for the Westfield State program and I've enjoyed the opportunity to work with the Westfield State College community and will assist them in a smooth transition that will best serve the team.

"I am looking forward to spending more time with my family and enjoying the game of soccer from a spectator's point of view," she added.

Coombs was the head coach at West Springfield High School for 20 years and posted a record of 282 wins, 55 losses and 35 ties. Her West Springfield teams claimed six Western Mass. chamionships and five Western Mass. runners-up trophies. West Springfield placed second in the state in 1980 and 1981.

Coombs also led Springfield Cathedral High School to a 10-0 record to give her a 25-year head coaching record of 336-82-39.

The Coombs Division in Western Mass. High School soccer was named in her honor in 1983. In 1994 she was the recipient of the Briggs Award, given by Western Mass. soccer officials for outstanding contributions to soccer.

"Donna's coaching accomplishments are impressive and she had the utmost respect of opponents, officials and her players," said Westfield State athletics director Ken Magarian. "We are disappointed that she has resigned but we understand her reasons for doing so. We wish her and her family the best of luck."

Swimming Wins Season Opener

BOSTON - The Westfield State women's swimming and diving teams opened its 1999-2000 season with a 152-145 victory over Simmons College on Saturday, Oct. 30.

Seniors Amy Fischer and Julie Hamel were double winners for Westfield. Fischer won the 1,000 freestyle (12:03.84) and the 200 individual medley (2:24.11); the Chelmsford native qualified for the New Englands championships in the IM along with her second-place finish in the 100 butterfly (1:05.83).

Hamel finished first in the the 200 freestyle (2:12.55) and the 500 freestyle (6:09.68). Senior Heather Stavros of Springfield (Cathedral) also qualified for New Englands with a first-place time of 34.33 in the 50 breaststroke.

Also placing first were freshmen Kim MacKenzie in the 100 breaststroke (1:15.43) and Kelley Reardon in the one-meter diving.

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Maines Finishes Standout Career

The Westfield State women's soccer team rolled to a 6-0 victory over Fitchburg State in its season finale.

Westfield ended with a 9-8 overall record and finished third in the Mass. State Conference with a 4-2 record. The Owls won six of their last eight games, with the only two losses to Keene State, ranked 10th in New England, and Mass. State Conference champion Framingham State, which defeated Westfield in overtime.

Senior standout Holly Maines of Saugerties, N.Y. tallied a goal and two assists to finish with 104 career points, second on the school's all-time scoring list despite missing 15 career games because of injuries. Sandy Pinto ('98) is the college's all-time leading scorer with 116 points.

Junior Krista DiCarlo of West Springfield added two goals and junior Erin Reardon of Southampton also scored. Freshmen Meghan McCann and Janet Bourget each had a goal and an assist.

Men's Soccer Edged By Western Mass. Rival

Senior Jamie Cieslik's beautiful bicycle kick from 15 yards lifted Mass. College of Liberal Arts to a 1-0 victory over the Westfield State men's soccer team.

Mass. College is now 9-6-1 overall and 5-1 in the Mass. State Conference. Mass. College hosted Salem State, 6-0 in the MASCAC, in the season finale this past Saturday. The winner of the game will receive an automatic bid to the NCAA Division III Tournament.

Westfield State finished its season with a 9-8 overall record and a 4-3 conference mark.

The Owls outshot MCLA, 14-9, and missed two major scoring opportunities in the second half.

Men's Soccer 1 - Fitchburg 0

FITCHBURG - The Westfield State men's soccer team blanked Fitchburg State, 1-0, in a hard-fought game here Saturday, Oct. 30.

Junior standout Karl Labadorf of Wilbraham scored the game-winning goal five minutes into the second half. Assisting was freshman Dave Gadouas of Chicopee.

The Owls had several near misses at the net, outshooting the host team, 30-6.

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Manseau Scores Two Goals In Season Finale

Senior Leah Manseau scored second-half goals to lead Westfield State to a 2-0 field hockey victory over Western New England College.

The Owls finished with a 10-8 overall record and were co-champions of the Mass. State Conference with a 4-1 mark.

Credited with assists were freshman Ashley Karpf and Erica Pratt and Christine Mazeika, both seniors from Feeding Hills. Westfield outshot WNEC, 8-2.

Owls Blast Beacons In Football

Freshman Frankie Cabrera of Amherst rushed for three touchdowns and 150 yards on 14 carries in Westfield State's 52-14 New England Football Conference victory over winless UMass Boston.

Cabrera was named ECAC New England Offensive Rookie of the Week for his efforts.

Westfield, 3-5 overall, set school records for most points scored and players with more than 100 yards rushing in a game. Also surpassing the century mark were senior Jason Votzakis of Agawam (143 yards on 18 carries and two touchdowns), and sophomore Shawn Lyman (114 yards on 16 carries and one touchdown).

The Owls racked up 402 rushing yards and 21 first downs via the run. The Beacons rushed for 223 yards but were 0-for-7 passing.

UMass Boston junior Frank Campo, a transfer from Westfield State, scored both of the Beacons' touchdowns after the Owls had built a 38-0 lead midway through the third quarter on Cabrera's second touchdown of the game.

The Owls exploded for three touchdowns in less than a two-minute span to take a 21-0 lead with 9:51 left in the first quarter. Votzakis scored on runs of two and four yards and Cabrera scored from 32 yards out.

The first score was set up by a 49-yard punt return by Frank DeLuca, who had four punt returns for a school record 109 yards. The next two scores were set up by defensive tackle Jay Cael's fumble recovery and strong safety T.J. Raeke's fifth interception of the season.

Freshman linebacker Mike Hurteau of Troy, N.Y., was another defensive standout with 15 tackles, including eight solos.

Westfield State quarterback Chris Bourget completed two passes in just three attempts, including a 23-yard touchdown to senior Rick Cincotta.

The Owls host Worcester State in their season finale this Saturday, Nov. 13, at noon.

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Pratt, Whalley Selected Player, Rookie Of Year

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24 Owls Named All Conference

By Mickey Curtis, SID

Twenty-four Westfield State athletes representing six falls sports were named to the Mass. State all conference teams announced recently.

Heading the list is senior midfielder Erica Pratt, who was named co-Player of the Year in the in field hockey along with Fitchburg State defender Leanne Lehtinen.

Pratt, a three-time first-team all league selection, led Westfield to a share of its third conference championship in four years. The Feeding Hills native was among the league leaders with five goals and five assists. Her assist helped set up her younger sister Alison's game-winning goal in an overtime victory over Fitchburg State that earned the Owls a share of the MASCAC crown with Salem State.

Joining Pratt on the first team is senior back Kara Jagodzinki; the North Hatfield native (Smith Academy) also was a first-team pick in 1998. Second-team all conference selections from Westfield are sophomore back Sara Monahan of Holliston and junior back Brooke Wadhams of Goshen, Conn.

Also cited in field hockey was first-year head coach Heather Cabral, who was named MASCAC Coach of the Year. The former Gateway Regional standout was the 1992 MASCAC Senior Female Scholar-Athlete when she starred in field hockey and sotball for the Owls.

In men's soccer, Southwick's Chris Whalley was named the Conference Rookie of the Year. Whalley, also a second-team all conference midfielder, tallied four goals and six assists for his father, third-year head coach Paul Whalley.

First-team all conference men's soccer selections were junior forwards Karl Labadorf of Wilbraham and Andrew Lewis of Danvers and senior back Matt Currier of Danvers. Labadorf led the Owls in scoring with nine goals and a conference-high seven assists. Lewis tallied eight goals and three assists. Westfield's other all conference pick was second-team defender Dan Manning, who played at Chicopee High School.

Three Owls were selected to the conference first team in women's soccer: senior forward Holly Maines of Malden-on-Hudson, N.Y., junior midfielder Krista DiCarlo of West Springfield, and junior back Melissa Reed of Townsend.

Maines, the 1996 and 1997 Conference Player of the Year, bounced back from an early-season leg injury to earn her fourth consecutive first team all conference nod. Maines finished her outstanding four-year career as the college's second all-time leading scorer with 104 points despite missing 15 career games because of injuries.

DiCarlo, the 1997 conference Rookie of the Year, made the all conference first team for the third straight year. Freshman Janet Bourget of Holden is Westfield's lone second-team selection.

The women's soccer team finished the season with a 9-8 overall record, winning six of its final eight games. The Owls finished third in the conference with a 4-2 record and came within a goal of capturing the league title and an NCAA berth as they lost in overtime to champion Framingham State.

The Westfield State women's volleyball team is well represented with two first-team all conference honorees and two second-team picks. The Owls finished 21-13, setting a school record for most victories in a season, and second in the conference's postseason tournament.

Senior outside hitter Vanessa Rea of Winsted, Conn., and junior middle hitter Larissa Farrell of Ashfield (Mohawk Trail), a transfer from Ithaca College, are the first-team all conference members.

Named to the second team were senior middle hitter Katelyn Butler of Norwood, who was first team all conference in 1997 and 1998, and senior Melissa Card of Mashpee, who was an all conference defender/hitter in 1998.

The women's and men's cross country team had nine all conference performers when they captured the Mass. State championships on Oct. 23. The Westfield women took the first five places in posting the first perfect score in conference history. Senior Diana Cares of Northboro won her third individual title in four years. She was followed by senior Melissa Merrow of Dunstable, senior Alison Carnie of Haverhill, junior Starr Hockenberry of Southwick, and sophomore Karen Bardani Bethel, Conn.

Westfield men earning all conference honors by finishing in the top seven were: senior Rick Krupa of Westfield, senior Kevin LaCoste of Athol, junior Jason Pappas of Fitchburg, and sophomore Adam Roche of Worcester.

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Tuesday, Nov. 23

Women's Basketball
Bates at Westfield, 6:00

Men's Basketball
Westfield at Quinnipiac, 7:00

Cross Country Results

NORTH DARTMOUTH - The Westfield State women's and men's cross country team finished 11th and 13th, respectively, in the NCAA New England Division III regional championships held at UMass Dartmouth on Nov. 13.

Middlebury College edged Williams College, 69-72, to win the championship in the 37-team women's field. Westfield finished with 341 points, trailing New England Alliance rival Southern Maine (317).

Senior Diana Cares was Westfield's top runner, placing 31st in 18:44. She was followed by Melissa Merrow (56th, 19:15), Alison Carnie (73rd, 19:32), Karen Bardani (90th, 19:55), and Starr Hockenberry (91st, 19:55).

Penny Osborne of Southern Maine won the women's individual title in 17:23, defeating Springfield's Barbara Swallow by five seconds.

In the men's meet, Keene State tallied 59 points to coast to the title in the 31-team field. Westfield tied Middlebury for 13th place with 330 points.

Junior Jason Pappas ran a strong race for the Owls, finishing 45th in 25:59.8 over the 8,040 meters layout. Kevin LaCoste was 49th in 26:05.11, followed by Adam Roche (74th, 26:36.83), Brian Church (77th, 26:42.71), and Westfield native Rick Krupa (85th, 26:54.62).

Brandeis University's Samson Yohannes was the individual winner in 24:17.68.

Swim Team Edges Plymouth

PLYMOUTH, N.H. - The Westfield State College women's swimming and diving team improved to 2-0 on the season with a 156-143 victory at Plymouth State.

The Owls only won six of the 16 events, but they took 10 second places and 13 third places.

Senior Amy Fischer was a double winner, taking the 1,000 freestyle (12:00.81) and the 200 individual medley (2:24.71). Fischer also swam on the winning 200 medley relay and placed second in the 100 butterfly.

Senior Heather Stavros won the 50 breaststroke, was on the 200 medley relay, and finished second in the 100 breaststroke.

Also finishing first were junior Julie Abare in the 100 breaststroke (1:16.53) and freshman Kelly Reardon in the one-meter optional diving (141.90).

Senior Julie Hamel placed second in two events: 200 freestyle and the 100 backstroke. Also finishing second were: Karen Flaherty (one-meter diving optional); Reanna Leite (50 butterfly); Reardon (one-meter diving vol.); Abare (50 breastroke); Jody Stiefel (50 backstroke); and the 200 medley relay of Emily Brodka, Abare, Leite, and Laura Cadagan.

Senior Kristen Fleming finished third in three freestyle events: 50, 100, and 200.

Votzakis Sets Record In Football Finale

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By Mickey Curtis, SID

Senior Jason Votzakis of Agawam scored two touchdowns and rushed for 153 yards on 31 carries to lead Westfield State to a 31-26 New England Conference Football victory over Worcester State on Saturday, Nov. 13.

Votzakis set a school single-season rushing record in the season finale and did it in dramatic fashion by running for 18 yards on his final carry with 1:18 left in the game. The 5-9, 218-pounder finished the season with 1,469 rushing yards to surpass the previous record of 1,460 yards set by Tim Lightfoot in 1994.

"I owe this all to my offensive line," said Votzakis. "They have been blocking well for the past three years, and they really stepped it up today. I couldn't be happier with today and the way we ended the season."

The Owls, who finished 4-6, scored 19 unanswered points to take a 31-13 lead with 6:13 left in the third quarter. Westfield closed out the first-half scoring with a 30-yard touchdown pass from quarterback Chris Bourget to David Eaton. Votzakis scored on a three-yard run early in the third quarter, then three minutes later Bourget threw a perfect 20-yard touchdown pass to Frank DeLuca.

Worcester State, which finished 1-9, battled back on touchdown passes to Pat Arnold (25 yards) and Jeremy Frisch (34 yards) to close to within five points, 31-26, with 9:25 remaining.

The Owls responded with two big plays int he final minutes to clinch the victory. With Worcester threatening to score, Westfield recovered a Lancer fumble at the Owl 31 with 3:16 remaining when standout junior end Tim Corr stripped the ball from running back Kevin Guertin. Corr created havoc the entire game with nine tackles, including three for losses and a sack, two pass hurries, and a partially blocked punt.

With 2:22 remaining, Westfield punter T.J. Raeke surprised everybody at Alumni Field by rumbling 20 yards for a first down on a fourth-and-six situation from the Owl 35.

"That was not a set play," said coach Steve Marino. "T.J. just saw Worcester was loaded to one side so he took off the other way. It a gutsy call but one you would expect a team leader to make."

Raeke, a tri-captain and one of 15 seniors playing in the season finale, also ran 31 yards on a punting situation in the first half. In addition, the four-year starter at strong safety intercepted a pass to finish second on the college's career list with 18 interceptions.

Other defensive standouts for the Owls included senior linebacker Jamie Wallwork with two fumble recoveries
and junior linebacker Ken Stewart, who had nine tackles and returned an interception eight yards for a touchdown in the second quarter. Freshman reserve linebacker Greg Parkinson posted a team-high 12 tackles for the Owls, who had numerous starters sidelined with injuries.

"We didn't play well in a lot of places, but we stepped up in key situations," said Marino.

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Maines Scores In Senior Game

By Mickey Curtis, SID

Westfield State's Holly Maines was selected to play in the New England Women's Intercollegiate Soccer Association (NEWISCA) Senior Bowl game, which was held Sunday, Nov. 21 at Boston University.

A total of 44 seniors from New England, including 14 from both Divisions I and II, were selected to play in the prestigious game. Maines was one of 16 Division III players and the only Mass. State Conference player who competed against the top upperclassmen in New England.

Maines represented Westfield State well as she scored a goal in her team's 3-2 victory. She was one of two Division III players to score in the game.

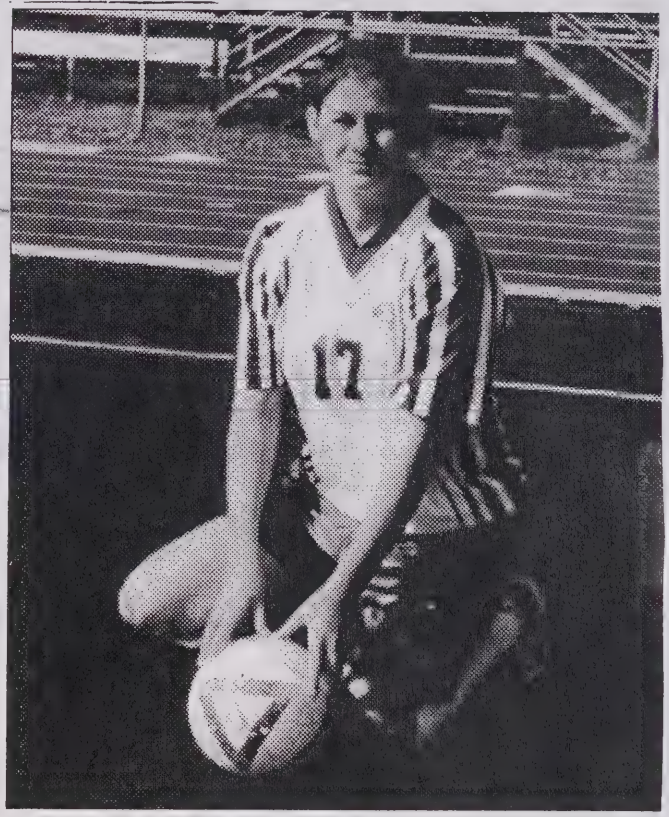
"Holly's selection is a testament to the hard work and dedication she has exhibited over the past four years as a member of the Westfield State College program," said NEWISA president Tom McGuinness, the former women's coach at Bridgewater State and currently an assistant coach at Keene State. "Many players are nominated every year for this game and only a small group is chosen to participate."

Maines was first-team all conference selection during each of her four seasons. In addition, the Malden-on-Hudson, N.Y. native was named the Mass. State Conference Player of the Year in 1996 and 1997. She is second on the school's all-time scoring list with 104 points despite missing 15 career games because of injuries. She holds the single-season record for points scored (39), set during her freshman year.

The fifth-year senior also was a four-year starter at point guard for the Westfield State basketball team. She was a two-time All New England and four-time Mass. State Conference all-star, including first-team honors her final three seasons.

On the hardcourt, the Saugerties High School graduate scored 1,098 career points and holds school records for career assists (626), career steals (313), assists in a season (198 in 1997), career free throw percentage (.773) and season free throw percentage (.871).

"Holly's records and accomplishments are going to be difficult to surpass or duplicate," said Westfield State athletics director Ken Magarian. "We've enjoyed watching her play over the past four and a half years and she represented the College in a very positive manner."



Westfield State Soccer All-Star Holly Maines

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Four Owls Named All Conference In Football

Four senior members of the 1999 Westfield State College football team were selected to the New England Football Conference All-Star squads.

Heading the list are first-team selections T.J. Raeke and Mark Luke, who both were four-year starters and served as team captains this season.

Raeke intercepted six passes from his strong safey position and was the team's sixth-leading tackler with 47 stops. The Marlboro native finished his fine four-year career with 17 interceptions, second on the all-time list behind Chuck Carucci ('91), who picked off 22 passes.

Raeke, who was the NEFC Defensive Rookie of the Year in 1996, also was selected the second-team punter in the 14-team conference. He averaged 37.2 yards per punt, which is a new school single-season record.

Luke was an all conference pick for the third straight season. The 6-4, 295-pound offensive tackle was second-team all conference in both 1997 and 1998. The South Easton, Mass., native anchored the offensive line for the Owls, who ranked as one of the top rushing teams in the NEFC.

Offensive guard Bob Colbert of West Springfield and running back Jason Votzakis of Agawam were second-team all conference honorees.

Votzakis rushed for a school record 1,469 yards in 1999, surpassing the previous mark of 1,460 set by Tim Lightfoot in 1994. He scored 12 touchdowns in 1999 and ranks second on the all-time scoring list with 156 points. The 5-9, 218-pounder also ranks second on the career rushing charts with 3,809 yards.

Women's Basketball Sets Marks In Elms Win

Westfield 92 - Elms 27

The women's basketball team bounced an undermanned Elms College team last Thursday.

Freshman reserve forward Alissa Tedesco of North Attleboro scored 16 points and grabbed 11 rebounds. Juniors Michaela Blaney and Jamie Vielmetti tallied 13 and 12 points, respectively, and both had six assists. Freshman center Melissa Cote of Agawam contributed nine points and 14 rebounds, who junior guard Laura Fisher tallied 10 points.

The Owls set single-game school records for greatest victory margin (65 points) and assists (34). Westfield bucketed 40 field goals.

"We passed the ball very well," said Berger. "It was nice to see everyone contribute."

Emmanuel 55 - Westfield 51

BOSTON - Emmanuel College remained undefeated with a 4-0 record by edging the Westfield State , 55-51.

Westfield trailed, 27-21, at halftime as it shot 23 percent from the field. Sophomore forward A.J. LaBelle led the Owls with 16 points and 17 rebounds. Junior forward Monique Chapdelaine contributed 12 points and 14 rebounds. Junior Jamie Vielmetti totaled three steals, four assists and five rebounds but was held to four points on 2-for-13 shooting from the field.

"We've been very competitive this season but in close game situations we just aren't executing," said veteran coach Rick Berger, who is searching for a player to step forward to direct the offense.

In another score of note last week, Emmanuel manhandled Worcester State, 84-50, on Thursday to improve to 5-0.

Swim Team Routs WNEC; Ups Record To 3-0

The Westfield State women's swimming and diving team upped its record to 3-0 with a 142-106 victory over Western New England College on Wednesday, Dec. 1.

Triple winners for Westfield State were senior Amy Fischer and freshman Kim MacKenzie, both Chelmsford natives. In addition, both also were members of the winning 200 medley relay.

Fischer won the 200 freestyle (2:07.69), 100 butterfly (1:06.37) and 500 freestyle (5:40.96). MacKenzie finished first in the 50 breaststroke (35.33), 100 individual medley (1:10.43), and 100 breaststroke (1:17.21).

Senior Julie Hamel won the 1,000 freestyle (12:18.25) and finished second in the 50 butterfly (31.98). Senior Kristin Fleming finished second in the 50 freestyle (28.31) and the 100 freestyle (1:04.15). Also placing second was Julie Abare in the 100 breaststroke (1:17.72) and the 50 breaststroke (35.82).

Westfield's next meet is Tuesday vs. Smith and Springfield at Springfield College.

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Men's Hoops Takes Nichols

DUDLEY - The Westfield State College men's basketball team evened its record at 2-2 with a 73-55 victory over Nichols College on Tuesday, Nov. 30.

The Owls led by single digits for most of the game before pulling away in the final seven minutes. Westfield's height advantage and depth keyed the victory.

Kurt Huggins, a 6-0 junior transfer from Mitchell Community College, paced the balanced scoring attack with 15 points, including three three-point baskets. Junior reserve forward Jon Mazzone scored 14 points on a perfect 7-for-7 shooting from the field. Kris Kachelmeyer came off the bench to score 13 points. Jamaal Smith, a 6-6 junior transfer from Mitchell, scored eight points and grabbed a game-high 11 rebounds.

"We struggled at times but we still managed to come out on top in a very tough place to play. We still have a lot to work on but we're definitely much improved from last year," said Westfield State second-year coach Rich Sutter, who noted that conference rival Worcester State defeated Nichols, 81-67, two days later. Westfield lost at Division I Quinnipiac, 82-67, Nov. 23.

Coed Badminton League At YMCA

A coed badminton league is being held weekly at the Westfield YMCA on Court St. The league meets throughout the year, except during holidays, on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Instruction and racquets are available for novices. Westfield State faculty, staff and students are encouraged to join a sport that provides exceptional exercise for a lifetime, similar to tennis.

For more information, including monthly fees, contact William Callahan at 562-6930, L. Squire Bressor at 860-653-3555, or the YMCA at 568-8631.

Athletics Seeks Graduate Assistant

The Westfield State athletics department is accepting applications for a graduate assistant for the 2000 fall semester.

Responsibilities include assisting in monitoring the academic progress of student-athletes, advising student-athletes, assisting with coordination of athletic department study halls, and assisting with CHAMPS/Life Skills programming and other duties as assigned.

The assistantship provides tuition remission and a stipend. The term is up to two years, renewable each semester. Recipient must be a matriculated Westfield State graduate student enrolled in at least six semester hours.

Interested candidates please contact Nancy Bals at 572-5515.

Fall Sports Awards Banquet

Monday, December 13

5:30 - reception

6:00 - dinner

Student-Athletes must pick up free admission ticket from the athletics department (Ely 244) by Wednesday, Dec. 8

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Women's Hoops Posts Big Victory At W. Conn.

By Mickey Curtis, SID

DANBURY, Conn. - The Westfield State women's basketball team posted a big 52-46 road victory over Western Connecticut State on Tuesday, Dec. 7

Westfield improved to 3-3 while Western Connecticut is 5-2, including a 64-47 victory over Springfield College.

Westfield, which led 28-21 at halftime, held Western Connecticut to 25 percent shooting from the field.

Junior Jamie Vielmetti of South Deerfield led the Owls with 17 points and four steals. Sophomore A.J. LaBelle of Mohawk Regional scored 13 points and grabbed a game-high 12 rebounds. Sophomore guard Michaela Blaney contributed 13 points and four steals.

High scoring sophomore guard Stacey Kurtyka led Western Connecticut with 13 points, but was 2 of 11 from three-point range.

"It was a big win for us against a very good team," said veteran Westfield coach Rick Berger. "Western's coach told me after the game that we just played better than they did. We shot very well in a tough place to play and we played smart defense.

"I'm satisfied with our effort thus far but we still have a lot to work on," Berger continued. "We have a young team with no seniors but the chemistry and effort have been good, and we're looking forward to the second half of the season when conference play begins."

Westfield 68 - Mass Boston 50

BOSTON - Jamie Vielmetti, a 5-10 guard/forward from South Deerfield, scored a season-high 20 points to lead the Westfield State women's basketball team to a 68-50 victory over UMass Boston on Thursday, Dec. 9.

Westfield State sophomore forward A.J. LaBelle of Ashfield (Mohawk Trail Regional High School) was named to the ECAC and Mass. State Conference women's basketball weekly honor rolls. LaBelle leads the Owls in scoring (13.0 points per game) and is second in rebounding (7.8). *File Photo By Mickey Curtis*

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The Owls, who led 28-21 at halftime, are now 4-3 with a three-game winning streak at the semester break. Their next game is Dec. 28 when they play Husson College of Maine in the opening round of the Western Connecticut Tournament.

Vielmetti, an all conference selection last season, also had eight assists, two blocks and three steals. Sophomore guard Michaela Blaney of North Andover continued her fine floor play with nine points, seven assists and just two turnovers. Junior forward Monique Chapdelaine of Sturbridge and sophomore forward A.J. LaBelle of Ashfield (Mohawk Regional) both scored 10 points.

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Poor Shooting Plagues Men's Basketball

Dec. 1999

By Joel Perry

DANBURY, Conn. - The Westfield State College men's basketball team dropped its record to 3-4 with a 79-62 loss to the Western Connecticut State University Colonials on Dec. 7.

The Owls trailed the entire game but managed to bring the score within 10 points in the final four minutes. In the first half the Owls shot a dismal 8 for 37 from the field (.216 percent) and trailed 35-22. Western Connecticut State University completed the half with one of its three 7-0 point runs.

At the beginning of the second half the Owls came out strong with a 7-0 run of their own. During the run freshman guard Ethan Slavin of Mohegan Lake, N.Y., had four points and junior forward Khele Sparks of Vernon, Vt., recorded the other three.

Western Connecticut State University countered and took over the game until the final few minutes when the Owls showed their will by recording a 10-0 run, including six points from junior guard Kurt Huggins of Massapequa, N.Y.

The Owls only shot 23-73 (.315 percent) for the game and were outrebounded 38-53.

"Some nights that happens and Western Connecticut is a tough place to play," said Westfield State coach Rich Sutter. But he also said that missing more than 10 layups shouldn't happen on any court.

"Our intensity level was lacking but I was somewhat pleased with the effort that our guys gave," he said.

Adam Manchester, a senior captain from Newton, was the Owls' high scorer with 12 points.

"I am glad that I am getting out of my slump but, overall, we didn't play a great game," he said.

Manchester said that he needs to step it up as a captain.

"I need to be more vocal out on the floor. We have all of the components to be a very good team. We just need a little more chemistry," he said.

Jon Mazzone, a junior from Littleton, believes that the team didn't play up to its potential.

"We need to step it up. I shot 1-for-8; we can't win if I put numbers like that up," he said.

"I want our team to get better and I see improvement from game to game. Western Connecticut didn't do anything special; we just have to play to our potential," he added.

The Owls have had a tough schedule at the beginning of the season, including a final buzzer loss to Staten Island, N.Y., at the Eastern Connecticut State University Tournament and an 82-67 setback to Division 1 foe Quinnipiac College.

Westfield played its first seven games on the road. Its first home game, which completed the fall semester of play, was last Saturday when it hosted New England power Amherst College.

Owls Place Third In Tournament

NEWBURGH, N.Y. - The Westfield State College men's basketball team placed third in the Mount St. Marys Tournament held Dec. 4-5.

The Owls, 3-3 overall, lost in the opening round to Centenary College of New Jersey, 69-59. Westfield trailed 33-27 at halftime as it shot 30 percent from the field. The Owls improved their shooting in the second half (46 percent), but Centenary stayed in control by shooting 60 percent from the field.

Junior Idris Forde of Lynn led Westfield with 15 points. Jamaal Smith scored 11 points and grabbed 10 rebounds, and Kurt Huggins added 11 points.

Centenary, 5-2, went on to defeat the host team, 55-53, in the championship game. Westfield routed Medgar Evers College of Brooklyn, N.Y., 94-73, in the consolation game. The Owls led 47-24 at halftime.

"That was our best game of the year," Mancester said.

Forde, an all tournament team selection, totaled 19 points and eight rebounds. Huggins had 16 points and junior co-captain Kris Ka[illegible]meyer of Pioneer Valley sco[illegible]15 points. Senior co-captain Adam Manchester contributed 10 points and six rebounds.

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Men's Indoor Track

Williams Invitational
at Williams College, Dec. 4, 1999
TEAM STANDINGS: Williams 79.5; UMass Lowell 71; Westfield 48.5; RPI 10; New Paltz 4.

Place	Name	Event	Time/Distance
First	Matt Colllins	55 Hurdles	8.08
Second	Joe Freeman	High Jump	6-0
Second	Matt Collins	400	51.78
Second	Kevin LaCoste	3000	9:07.2
Second	Joe Freeman	Triple Jump	39-10 3/4
Third	Keith Newell	Pole Vault	7-0
Third	Tom Gusha	55 Dash	6.94
Third		4 x 400 Relay	3:41.5
Third	Brian Church	Triple Jump	38-9
Fourth		4 x 200 Relay	1:47.2
Fourth	Ryan Fregeau	200	24.29
Fifth	Matthew James	Shot Put	39-11
Sixth	Tom Gilbert	20 lb weight	8.63
Sixth	Josh Lewbel	High Jump	5-4

Women's Indoor Track

Williams Invitational
at Williams College, Dec. 4, 1999
TEAM STANDINGS: UMass Lowell 112; Williams 39; Westfield 29; Keene State 24; New Paltz 3.

Place	Name	Event	Time/Distance
First	Jessica Corriveau	400	61.90
Second	Shannon Rhinhart	Long Jump	12-11 1/2
Second	Nora Lynch	20 lb weight	11.15 meters
Second	Melissa Merrow	3000	11:19.65
Third	Diana Cares	Mile	5:39.4
Third	Jessica Corriveau	200	28.93
Fifth	Alyssa Reid	Mile	6:34.86
Fifth	Shannon Rhinhart	55 dash	8.35
Sixth	Laura Hurley	Mile	6:39.76
Sixth	Andrea Petrolini	400	66.83

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Track Opens Season

WILLIAMSTOWN - The Westfield State College men's and women's indoor track and field teams opened the season at the Williams Invitational on Saturday, Dec. 4

Both teams finished third out of six teams. In the men's meet, senior All American Matt Collins won the 55 hurdles in 8.08 seconds; he also finished second in the 400 meter run (51.78).

Senior Joe Freeman placed second in the triple jump (39-10 3/4) and the high jump (6-0). Also finishing second was Kevin LaCoste in the 3,000 meter run (9:07.2).

In the women's meet, All New England runner Jessica Corriveau won the 400 in 61.9; she also finished third in the 200 (28.93).

Placing second were Shannon Rhinhart in the long jump and Melissa Merrow in the 3,000 (11:19.65). Diana Cares was third in the mile run (5:39.4).

The Westfield track and field teams competed in the Wesleyan University Invitational this past Saturday. The Owls' next meet is Jan. 22 at Coast Guard.

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Swim Record Evens At 3-3

The Westfield State swimming and diving team record evened at 3-3 with losses in the past week to local powers Mount Holyoke, Smith, and Springfield College.

In South Hadley on Dec. 4, the Aqua Owlettes fell to Mount Holyoke, 180-107.

Senior Amy Fischer won two events - the 200 individual medley (2:45.54) and 200 butterfly (2:45.07), and finished second in the 400 freestyle (5:12.63).

Senior Julie Hamel placed second in the 50 butterfly (34.55) and the 800 freestyle (10:59.4). Freshman Kelley Reardon won the one-meter diving (185.65) and finished second in the three-meter diving (166.1).

Springfield College defeated Westfield, 156-104, on Dec. 7 in a tri-meet with Smith. Finishing second were Fischer (200 butterfly), Jody Stiefel (100 backstroke), and Julie Hamel (1000 freestyle, 200 backstroke).

Smith College outswam the Owls, 214-78. Fischer won the 200 butterfly and placed second in the 200 individual medley and 500 freestyle. Reardon won the one-meter diving and was second on the three-meter board.

Also earning seconds were Hamel and Fleming.

WSC Owls give fans something to hoot about on the basketball court

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JUSTIN MCCAULEY
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Over 200 Westfield State College basketball fans crammed into the Parenzo Gymnasium on Thursday night and found plenty reasons to yell and cheer, despite the Owls 83-71 loss to Endicott College.

The WSC Men's basketball team (7-8) battled Endicott College (10-7) in front of a packed Parenzo Gymnasium and dove and clawed their way through 40 minutes of basketball, before being defeated by Endicott, who made 12 of their 15 3-point shots.

Kris Kachelmeyer, a WSC junior and team co-captain, scored 16 points in the Owls' losing effort. Kachelmeyer connected on four of his eight 3-point attempts.

"I just came out gunning tonight," said Kachelmeyer. "It was good to have everyone here to see us play."

Endicott jumped out to an early lead and didn't relinquish it until Adam Cobb, who finished the game with four points and four rebounds, tied the game with a smooth turn-around jumper with eight minutes left in the first half.

The Owl's defense forced three consecutive turnovers prior to Cobb's bucket.

The Owls' grabbed a four-point lead before Endicott stormed back and took a three-point lead into halftime. Nonetheless, WSC's late surge had the crowd on their feat screaming for more action.

"You've got to give all the credit in the world to Endicott," said the Owls' Head Coach Rich Sutter. "They played a game last night and then drove two and a half hours down here and shot the ball really well."

Endicott's Eric Simonelli scored 20 points for the Gulls. Simonelli made three out of his six 3-point attempts. Point guard Jamal Francis scored 10 points and handed out eight assists for Endicott.

Adam Manchester, a WSC senior and team co-captain, scored 19 points for the Owls and also grabbed nine rebounds.

"We play hard every night but the mental aspect of the game just wasn't working tonight," said Manchester.

Manchester also said that he has never seen a crowd as large as the one that came out to the Endicott game.

"It's great to have a crowd behind us," Manchester said. "Coach told us that we can't rely on them to do anything for us. They don't score any points."

Junior forward Jon Mazzone, who had eight points and seven rebounds, said that the loss was disappointing but he doesn't think that it will scare off any of the fans.

"Any time you can put some wins together like we have, people will become interested," said Mazzone. "There is a buzz around campus. Everyone has been asking when the games are."

Coach Sutter said that he believes that the large crowds can be a distraction to his team as they try to play more for the fans.

"This is only our third home game of the year," said Sutter. "We've got to learn how to focus on the game better."

While most college students were at home for winter break, the Owls picked up a couple wins and even boasted a winning record for a short period of time. The break was highlighted by a double-overtime thriller, against Bridgewater State College and also by a two-point loss to Worcester State, who traditionally has one of the strongest basketball programs in the conference.

The Owls also posted 101 points in a blowout victory over ELMS College.

Manchester, who has been on the team for four years, predicts that the Owls will be victorious against Framingham State and Mass College of Liberal Arts, putting their record at 9-7.

Transfer recruit Kurt Huggins, who is the team's leading scorer, was kept pretty quiet by the Endicott defense. Huggins, who saw swarms race towards him when he touched the ball, managed to score six points for the Owls. Huggins' impact was made on defense with seven steals.

Phil Conners added eight points for the Owls. Conners went 2-for-6 from behind the 3-point stripe.

-Photo by Justin McCauley

Jon Mazzone (Top Left) sinks a free throw as he and the Westfield State Owls take on the Endicott Gulls. A group of WSC Owl fans (bottom) after watching the Owls battle Endicott.

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SPORTS

Simchak Takes Over Full-Time As Intramurals Director

By Mickey Curtis, SID

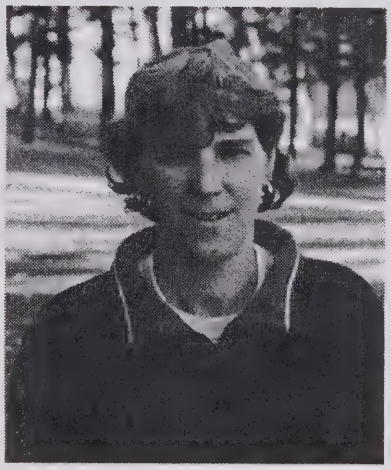
Westfield State College athletics director Ken Magarian recently announced the hiring of Lou Ann Simchak as the College's new intramurals supervisor/staff assistant.

Simchak, a former standout athlete at both Westfield High School and Westfield State College, officially takes over the position full time after serving as the intramurals supervisor on an interim basis during the fall semester. The position was formerly held by Jesse Adams, who accepted a position in the athletics department at SUNY Cobleskill in late August.

"We are extremely pleased to have Lou Ann on board with us full time," said Magarian. "I've known her since her playing days at Westfield State. Not only was she a great athlete, but she is a very good person and a hard worker."

Simchak worked as a part-time assistant in the Westfield State intramurals department from 1994-96. In addition, Simchak will serve as the head softball coach at Westfield State, a position which she began last year.

"Being a graduate and a former participant in the sports programs at Westfield State College, I care deeply about all aspects of the athletics department. I will uphold and promote this program to its fullest potential," Simchak said. "Given the opportunity to work on a full-time basis at Westfield State in this capacity will enable me to give back to the program that has given so much to me."



Lou Ann Simchak

The intramurals program consists of more than 30 extracurricular offerings for students, staff, and faculty. In addition to overseeing the popular programs, Simchak will train, supervise and evaluate more than 70 student employees for intramurals and varsity athletics game management.

"Lou Ann has excellent people skills and really works in the (athletics) field because she enjoys the students and wants them to have opportunities," said Nancy Bals, assistant athletics director and senior women's administrator. "She also has very good organizational skills, which she has proven this past semester."

Simchak is a 1977 graduate of Westfield State and was a three-year standout in both softball and basketball. She earned MVP honors twice in softball and three times in basketball, and two years was named the College's Best All Around Athlete. In 1976 she received an Olympic basketball tryout invitation.

Simchak played semi-pro softball for more than 15 years, including three national appearances with the Westfield Whips women's fast pitch team. Also a standout athlete at Westfield High School, Simchak has coached and officiated in various capacities over the past 25 years.

Mazzone Powers Owls

FITCHBURG - Junior forward Jon Mazzone of Acton scored a career-high 23 points and grabbed 11 rebounds to lead Westfield State to an 85-56 conference victory over an undermanned Fitchburg State.

Fitchburg, which dressed seven players for the game and finished with six, only trailed 45-39 with 15 minutes left in the game. But the Owls went on a 34-8 run to over the next 14 minutes to break the game wide open. The tough Wesfield defense held Fitchburg to 23 second-half points, nine of which came in the final 1:18.

Hustling junior guard Kurt Huggins contributed 18 points, six rebounds, four steals and four assists. Junior guard Kris Kachelmeyer canned 17 points and senior forward Adam Manchester chipped in with nine points and 11 rebounds.

Isaac Lane came off the bench to lead Fitchburg with 21 points. Jason Anderson, a 6-8 senior center, had 19 points and nine rebounds.

Wesfield only shot 40 percent from the field but dominated the boards by outrebounding the host team, 52-26.

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Trinity Nips Westfield In Key Game

Trinity College outlasted Westfield State, 69-64, in a key New England Division III women's basketball game on Wednesday, Jan. 26.

Trinity is now 11-3 and ranked sixth in New England. Westfield State is 10-5 and ranked 10th in New England.

Westfield nearly battled back from a 15-point second-half deficit to tie the game. With the score 67-64, the Owls missed two three-point attempts in the final minute.

Gretchen MacColl, Trinity's standout 5-11 forward from Portland, Oregon, posted game highs of 23 points and 11 rebounds; she was 10 of 11 from the field.

Junior Jamie Vielmetti led Westfield with 16 points and nine assists. Sophomore forward A.J. LaBelle contributed 15 points, five assists and a team-high five rebounds. Freshman center Melissa Cote tied her season high with 12 points.

Upcoming Athletics Schedule of Events

Feb. 8: National Girls and Women Sports Day. Varsity female athletes will be honored at halftime of the 6:00 p.m. basketball game.

Feb. 9: National Girls and Women Sports Day. The theme is "Our Day Every Day"

Feb. 12: Take a Kid to the Game Day; home basketball games @ 1:00 and 3:00 p.m. vs. Fitchburg State.

Feb. 15: Guest Speaker Janet Judge. "Playing by the rules: the future of sports law" at 3:30 in Dever Aud. All student-athletes are required to attend.

March 7: National Sportsmanship Day

Check out Westfield Sports on the web:

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Home Basketball Games Tuesday, Feb. 1 vs. Mass. College @ 6:00 and 8:00

Indoor Track

MEN'S RESULTS

NEW LONDON, Conn. - The Westfield State men's indoor track and field team placed second in the Quad Cup meet held at Coast Guard on Jan. 22.

Coast Guard won the meet with 269 points followed by Westfield State (129), Umass Dartmouth (104), and Rhode Island College (27).

The following are the top finishers for Westfield:

FIRST: Matt Collins, 55 hurdles, 8.12; Matt Collins, 600, 1:26.05; Tom Schreiber, weight throw, 47-5 1/4; Tom Schreiber, shot put, 42-0;

SECOND: Tom Bousquet, 1500, 4:16.23; Kevin LaCoste, 800, 2:03.42;

THIRD: Tom Gusha, 55 dash, 6.97; Marco Iannello, 600, 1:29.9; Tom Bousquet, 1,000, 2:46.18; 4 x 400 relay, 3:38.55; Tom Gusha, long jump, 18-1 1/4.

FOURTH: Kevin LaCoste, 400, 55.4; Chris Allie, 600, 1:30.72; Mark Howard, weight throw, 31-1 1/4; Mark Howard, shot put, 35-6.

FIFTH: Tom Gusha, 200, 24.67; Tom Gilbert, shot put, 35-3 3/4; Jim Foley, high jump, 5-10.

SIXTH: Ryan Fregeau, 400, 56.02; Tim Trull, 800, 2:15.25; Tom Gilbert, weight throw, 27-1 1/4; Ryan Fregeau, high jump, 5-10.

WOMEN'S RESULTS

NEW LONDON, Conn. - The Westfield State College women's track and field team finished fourth in the Quad Cup meet held at Coast Guard on Jan. 22

Coast Guard won the meet with 203 points followed by Rhode Island College (111), U-Mass Dartmouth (52), and Westfield State (27).

The following are Westfield's top finishers:

FIRST: Melissa Merrow, 1,500, 5:08.31

THIRD: Diana Cares, 1,500, 5:15.47; Nora Lynch, weight throw, 40-10 1/2; Nora Lynch, shot put, 30-9 1/4

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Women's Basketball Has Right Mix For Winning Season

By Joel Perry
SID Student Intern

JAN 2000

The Westfield State women's basketball team has developed a special chemistry despite its youth.

After losing four games last semester to highly ranked teams, the Owls have won five of six games to boost their record to 10-5 Last were they were ranked 10th in New England Division 3 and in first place in the Mass. State Conference with a 4-0 record.

The highlight of the spring semester surge was Westfield's 61-53 victory over conference perennial power Salem State, which finished third in the NCAA national championships last season.

Westfield State head coach Rick Berger said that his younger players have stepped it up. Berger, in his 10th season at Westfield State with 182 victories heading into Tuesday's home game vs. Mass. College, has a special feeling about this season's squad.

"We have no seniors and limited juniors so our sophomores and freshmen have no choice to but to step it up," he said. "The players have responded well thus far and they are an enjoyable group to coach."

The team's defense also has a lot to do with its success. Westfield State is ranked fourth nationally in field goal percentage defense (.318) and 10th in scoring defense (49.8).

Jamie Vielmetti, a junior from South Deerfield and a first-team all conference selection last season, has confidence in her teammates.

"So far we have done well and we have a lot of young talent and we have everyone back next year," she said.

The team is led in scoring by sophomore forward A.J. LaBelle of Ashfield, who was named the Conference Player of the Week on the strength of her career-high 30 points vs. Salem State.

LaBelle is averaging 14.8 points and also leads the team in free throw shooting (72 percent). She is second in rebounding (7.8).

"We want to prove people wrong because everyone said we were too young to win," LaBelle said.

Vielmetti, the team veteran with three years of playing time at Westfield, has been outstanding in all facets of the game. The 5-10 guard/forward is averaging 12.3 points, 5.0 rebounds, 5.3 assists, 1.0 blocks, and 2.1 steals per game.

Sophomore shooting guard Michaela Blaney is averaging 8.6 points and 2.8 assists. Junior Monique Chapdelaine is averaging 7.4 points and 6.4 rebounds. Melissa Cote, a 6-0 freshman center from nearby Feeding Hills, has shown steady improvement; she is averaging 6.3 points and a team-high 8.5 rebounds.

The Owls have also received quality minutes from sophomore guard Kristen Mucci and freshmen Brenda Knott, Stacy Adams and Alissa Tedesco.

"We have played are hearts out but we can't go into every game thinking we are the best.....," Chapdelaine said.

LaBelle said that the team needs to remain focused if it wants to capture the championship in the highly competitive conference. The Owls have key conference games upcoming with Worcester State, Bridgewater State, Framingham State and Salem State.

"We need to prepare for all our upcoming MASCAC games. We need to get it together," she said.

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Athletics Award Honors Peter Mazza

By Mickey Curtis, Westfield State Sports Information Director

Peter Mazza, recently retired vice president of student affairs at Westfield State College, received a highly prestigious honor at the Westfield State College fall varsity sports banquet held Dec. 13 in Scanlon Banquet Hall.

Westfield State athletics director Ken Magarian announced at the conclusion on the banquet that a special athletics award in Mazza's honor will be given annually to an outstanding Westfield State College student-athlete.

Named the "Peter Mazza Athletics Award", the main criteria for receiving this award include: 1. character; 2. leadership; 3. athletics ability; 4. academics; 5. sportsmanship; 6. personal development; and 7. community service.

"This will be a very important award that we will present at the end of each academic year," said Magarian. "Peter Mazza is a former athlete himself and he has been extremely supportive of the athletics program and its students."

Magarian explained the selection process.

"The team representatives on the Westfield State Student-Athlete Advisory Board (SAAB) will forward a nomination from their respective teams to the athletics department," he said. "Based on the criteria presented, the athletics department staff members will then select a student-athlete who best represents the ideals of Peter Mazza."

Mazza, who worked at Westfield State for the past 29 years, was overwhelmed and humbled by the special announcement.

"I take this opportunity to thank the Westfield State College athletics department and the Student-Athlete Advisory Board for bestowing such a high honor upon me. I accept your establishing the Athletics Award in my name, and I am humbled by your magnanmous gesture.

"The department's excellent programs serve the student's need for wholesome athletic competition and also provide a platform enabling personal growth, educational development, leadership experience, and community service. The athletics department staff, students, and programming are distinct assets to the College community," he continued.

Peter Mazza, who retired as Westfield State's vice president of student affairs on Jan. 7, received a special honor during the Student-Athlete Advisory Board (SAAB) fall sports banquet. Making the presentation were SAAB co-chairs Kelly Lynch and Chris Malloy. *Photo By Mickey Curtis*

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Owls Stay Undefeated In MASCAC

Joel Perry
SID Student Intern

The Westfield State women's basketball team found out last Tuesday night that staying undefeated in the Mass. State Conference isn't going to be easy.

This time the Owls had to fight off a determined team from the Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts (MCLA) to post a 55-46 victory. The win improved the Owls' record to 12-5 overall and 6-0 in the conference.

Poor shooting plagued the Owls, including a dismal 34 percent from the floor and 1-13 from three-point range in game.

Rick Berger, in his 10th year of coaching Westfield State, expressed his utter disappointment with the team's effort despite the win.

"We are the worst three-point shooting team in the conference. There is no reason for us to take that many three point shots. Last Saturday (a well played 66-63 victory vs. Framingham) we showed a lot of pride and will to win. Tonight we didn't have that," he said.

Michaela Blaney, a sophomore guard from North Andover, shot 0-6 from three-point range; she finished the game with five rebounds and six points.

"The three point shots we took were all wide open but our lack of ball movement made us take those shots," she said.

The Owls only allowed MCLA to score 19 points in the first half as they came back from an early deficit to take a 26-19 lead. MCLA came out storming with a 19-4 point run in the first seven minutes of the second half to take a stunning 38-30 lead. Westfield then countered with one of its patented scoring spurts, a 22-point run over a nine-minute span to take a 52-38 lead with six minutes left in the game.

The Owls finally got untracked during the big run as they unleashed a ferocious fullcourt press and a well orchestrated fastbreak.

Despite just coming off of an injury, junior reserve forward Monique Chapdelaine of Sturbridge, recorded a game highs of 14 points and 13 rebounds to lead the team to victory. Freshman reserve Brenda Knott of Dudley scored eight points, all during the decisive second-half run. A.J. LaBelle, a sophomore forward from Ashfield, tossed in 12 points, while junior guard/forward Jamie Vielmetti contributed nine points and seven assists.

The next big challenge came Saturday, Feb. 5, when the Owls played at Bridgewater State.

Freshman center Melissa Cote of nearby Feeding Hills said: "Bridgewater is a good team and we always seem to step it up for good teams. Hopefully we can get back in it."

This week's challenges include a home game Tuesday, Feb. 8, vs. Worcester State, a huge game at Salem State on Thursday, Feb. 10, and a home game vs. Fitchburg State this Saturday, Feb. 12.

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Indoor Track Results

BOSTON - Two members of the Westfield State men's indoor track and field team placed in the prestigious Terrier Classic held Jan. 29 at Boston University.

Senior All American Matt Collins finished second in the 400 meter dash with a time of 50.08. Colgate's Eric Hiller won with a time of 49.99; finishing third was Jeff Young of Seton Hall (50.08).

Placing sixth for Westfield State was senior Kevin LaCoste with a clocking of 4:24.12 in the mile run. Ben Koch of St. Joseph's finished first in 4:21.05.

Senior Tim Trull did not place but he ran a personal best of 2:02.81 in the 800 meters.

Men

NEW LONDON, Conn. - The Westfield State men's indoor track and field team placed fourth in the Quad Cup meet held at Coast Guard on Jan. 29.

MIT won the meet with 241.25 points followed by Bates (141.25), Coast Guard (124), Westfield (81.25), and WPI (6.25) The following are the athletes who earned points for Westfield State:

FIRST: Kyle Rudolph, 55 dash, 6.72; 4 x 400 Relay, 3:34.11.

SECOND: Joe Freeman, triple jump, 39-8.

FOURTH: David Eaton, 55 dash, 6.90; Tom Schreiber, weight throw, 46-10 3/4; Joe Freeman, high jump, 6-2; David Eaton, 200, 24.02; 4 x 800 relay, 8:49.41.

FIFTH: Jason Pappas, 600, 1:29.06; Kyle Rudolph, 200, 24.3.

SIXTH: Ryan Fregeau, 400, 55.59; Patrick Swett, high jump, 5-10; Jim Roots, triple jump, 37-4.

SEVENTH: Tom Gusha, 55 dash, 6.97; Tom Bousquet, mile run, 4:33.6; Chris Allie, 600, 1:29.47.

EIGHTH: Chris MacDonald, 600, 1:31.68; Marco Iannello, 800, 2:06.68; Jim Foley, high jump, 5-8; Tom Gusha, 200, 24.58.

Women

NORTHAMPTON, Mass. - The Westfield State College women's indoor track and field team finished fourth in the Quad Cup meet held at Smith College on Jan. 29

MIT won the meet with 255.5 points followed by Coast Guard (126), Smith (111), Westfield (65), and New York University (43.5). The following are Westfield's top finishers:

FIRST: Melissa Merrow, mile run, 5:35.8.

SECOND: Diana Cares, 5,000, 18:55.45; Jessica Corriveau, 400, 1:02.26; Jessica Corriveau, 200, 28.39.

THIRD: Deanna Thomas, high jump, 4-7; Shannon Rhinhart, triple jump, 30-3; 4 x 400 relay, 4:43.

FOURTH: Nora Lynch, shot put, 32-7.

FIFTH: Nora Lynch, weight throw, 39-10 3/4; Andrea Petrolini, 400, 1:05.22.

SEVENTH: Starr Hockenberry, mile run, 6:00.67.

EIGHTH: Shannon Rhinhart, 55 dash, 8:35; Shannon Rhinhart, 200, 29.98.

NATIONAL GIRLS & WOMEN IN SPORTS DAY

Campus-Wide Activities Planned

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The National Girls and Women in Sports Day (NGWSD) is actually a month-long celebration at Westfield State College. This year the NGWSD is appropriately entitled "Our Day Every Day."

The schedule begins on Tuesday, Feb. 8, with the NGWSD recognition awards ceremony at halftime of the Westfield State/Worcester State women's basketball game, which begins at 6:00 p.m. The honorees will be a member of each of the varsity athletics programs: athletic training, basketball, cheering, cross country, field hockey, soccer, softball, swimming and diving, and track and field. Selection criteria includes team spirit, academics, community service, and leadership.

On Thursday, Feb. 10, the first of several fitness activities will take place. Cardio-Kickboxing will be offered in Parenzo Gym from 11:30 to 12:30. "It is a great workout," said movement science professor Diana Schwartz, who is assisting with organizing the NGWSD events.

On Saturday, Feb. 12, the Take a Kid to the Game returns for the second consecutive year. Children will be admitted free to the Westfield State/Fitchburg State women's and men's basketball games that begin at 1:00 and 3:00, respectively. Take a Kid to the Game also is an NCAA sponsored event.

On Feb. 15 at 3:30 in Dever Auditorium, lawyer Janet Judge will give a presentation on how legal issues influence the future of women's sports entitled: "Playing by the rules: the future of sports law."

A former assistant athletics director at Harvard, Judge currently advises and represents colleges and universities on a range of issues: liability, NCAA eligibility, Title IX, athlete misconduct, equity, and diversity.

Westfield State's popular Wellness Center is also hosting several NGWSD sponsored events that are open to all members - male and female - of the College community. Strength training clinics will be offered Feb. 17 and Feb. 24 from 5 to 6:00 p.m. and 6 to 7:00 p.m. And during the week of Feb. 28 an indoor triathlon - involving swimming, stationary biking and treadmill running - will be held. Participants can register as a team or an invidividual.

"We are excited about the wide variety of events being offered," said Westfield State assistant athletics director Nancy Bals, who noted that NGWSD begin in 1987 and is a day to call attention to the positive influence of sports participation, to acknowledge past and present sports achievements, and to advance the struggle for equality and access for women in sports.

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WSC falls to rival MCLA

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JUSTIN MCCAULEY
EDITOR IN CHIEF

When defending league champion Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts stepped into Parenzo Gymnasium, affectionately known as The Owl Dome by Coach Rich Sutter and his players, it was apparent that they were in for a battle.

MCLA (8-7) survived a big scare from the Owls before they went on to beat WSC 90-87.

The Owls (7-10) were prepared to do just that as they jumped out to a 27-9 lead with nine minutes left in the first half. Owls' forward Kurt Huggins lit the scoreboards up for 13 points in the games first nine minutes.

The Owls lead was short-lived as MCLA went on a 16-6 run and eventually took a two-point lead into halftime.

"If we could just play the rest of the season like we did for that stretch in the first half, that would be great," said Huggins.

Huggins finished the game with 33 points and 11 rebounds despite spending a good portion of the game on the bench. Huggins found himself in foul trouble early in the game.

"I was just looking to play and focus on defense," said Huggins. "I'm playing aggressive but I'm getting caught for dumb fouls."

Huggins received help from surprise starter Ethan Slavin. Slavin, a freshman, moved into the starting rotation because co-captain Kris Kachelmeyer went down with a fractured wrist.

Slavin responded to the opportunity by notching 13 points, five assists, and four steals.

"Ethan has the full confidence of our coaching staff. His play wasn't a surprise to us," said Sutter. "He is our most natural point guard."

Slavin was instrumental in solving MCLA 's pressure defense early in the game. Slavin also drew a tough defensive assignment in MCLA's Bobby Fortes. Fortes had 30 points and eight assists against the Owls.

"This was the first college game where I have gotten a lot of playing time," said Slavin. "All that I am trying to do is fill in for Kac until he can come back."

Once again in the second half of play Westfield found themselves with a comfortable nine-point lead.

3-point specialist Phil Conners pushed the Owls' lead up to nine when he canned his third 3-pointer of the evening with 10 minutes left in the game. Conners finished the contest with 15 points on 6-for-10 shooting.

MCLA battled back once more behind the inside play of Murales Louis, who slashed through the Owl's interior defense for 34 points and 10 rebounds.

Not to be outdone, Huggins netted 23 of his final 33 points in the second half.

"If he had played the entire game he would have had 50 points tonight," said Sutter.

Huggins also led the Owls on the defensive end with his pressure defense and timely steals.

"He's a really good player," said Slavin of Huggins. "He brings a lot of intensity to the team and he handles the ball well."

The Owls will next face the Worcester State Lances at home on Tuesday, February 8 at 8p.m.

-Photo by Justin McCauley

Kurt Huggins is leading the Owls in scoring this season

Men's Basketball Schedule

Home vs. Worcester State 8:00 p.m.
Away vs. Salem State 8:00 p.m.
Home vs. Fitchburg State 3:00 p.m.
Home vs. Framingham State p.m.
Away vs. Mass. College of Liberal Arts

Women's Basketball Schedule

Home vs. Worcester State 6:00 p.m.
Away vs. Salem State 6:00 p.m.
Home vs. Fitchburg 1:00 p.m.
Home vs. Framingham State 6:00 p.m.

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Boisvere Named Soccer Coach

Westfield State College announces the hiring of Heather Boisvere - well known in the local soccer community - as the head coach of its women's soccer team.

Boisvere, a West Springfield native, takes over for the legendary Donna Coombs, who retired from the coaching profession in November. Coombs, who coached Boisvere in high school, posted a 44-27-4 mark in her four years at Westfield State.

"This is a great opportunity for Heather," said Coombs. "She is young, energetic and very intelligent. Heather was an exceptional player in high school and college, and I'm confident she can be a highly successful coach. She is the perfect role model for college student-athletes."

Boisvere obtained a cartful of athletic and academic honors while playing at Keene State. She was a two-time All America, and a four-time All Region, All New England and all conference selection. She was named the Keene State College Athlete of the Year in her senior year in 1996 FEB 2000

Boisvere continued her standout play in the United Soccer League as a member of the New Hampshire Lady Phantoms in 1998 and the Springfield Sirens in 1999. One of the most popular players on the Sirens team, Boisvere was named the Defender of the Year in the USL. As team captain she led the Sirens to a second-place finish in the national championships.

Boisvere's coaching résumé includes stints at two local colleges. She was an assistant coach at American International College this past season and was a graduate assistant at Springfield College in 1997 and 1998. She is completing course work towards a master of science degree in movement science at Springfield College.

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Indoor Track/Results

LEWISTON, Me. - The Westfield State men's indoor track and field team placed second in the Quad Cup meet held at Bates College on Feb. 5.

Bates won the meet with 279 points followed by Westfield (114), Southern Maine (110), and U-Mass Dartmouth (52).

The following are the athletes who earned points for Westfield:

FIRST: Joe Freeman, 55 hurdles, 8.31; Matt Collins, 600, 1:25.06.

SECOND: Medley Relay, 3:42.9; Joe Freeman, high jump, 6-3; distance medley relay, 11:08.39; Kevin LaCoste, 800, 1:59.66.

THIRD: Edgar Ortiz, long jump, 20-8 1/2; 4 x 400 relay, 3:43.93; Jason Pappas, 800, 2:00.23.

FOURTH: Patrick Swett, high jump, 6-1; Ryan Fregeau, 400, 54.9; Tom Schreiber, shot put, 41-3 3/4.

FIFTH: Tom Schreiber, weight throw, 45-10 1/2; Tim Trull, 600, 1:29.45; Tom Bousquet, 1,000, 2:44.69; Allen Moss, 3,000, 9:52.62.

SIXTH: Tom Gusha, long jump, 18-5 1/2; Edgar Ortiz, 55 dash, 6.93; Brian Church, 1,000, 2:45.92; Tom Gusha, 200, 24.87.

SEVENTH: Jim Foley, high jump, 5-7; Jim Roots, long jump, 18-0 1/4; David Eaton, 55 dash, 6.94; Tom Gilbert, shot put, 36-10.

EIGHTH: Mark Howard, weight throw, 30-6 1.2; David Carabin, 400, 55.91; Chris MacDonald, 600, 1:31.58; Tom Gusha, 55 dash, 7.05; James Roots, 200, 25.22.

WOMEN

LEWISTON, Me. - The Westfield State College women's indoor track and field team finished third in the Quad Cup meet held at Bates College on Saturday, Feb. 5.

Southern Maine won the meet with 191 points followed by Bates (155), Westfield (119.5), Smith (77), and Mass Dartmouth (32.5).

The following are Westfield's top finishers:

FIRST: Diana Cares, 3,000, 10:58.03; Jessica Corriveau, 400, 1:02.68; 4 x 400 relay, 4:46.28.

SECOND: Deanna Thomas, high jump, 4-8 1/4; Melissa Merrow, 1500, 5:09.79; Diana Cares, 1:49.1.

THIRD: Jessica Corriveau, long jump, 14-8; Melissa Merrrow, 800, 2:41.78; Shannon Rhinhart, triple jump, 29-3 1/2.

FOURTH: Andrea Petrolini, 400, 1:06.99; Nora Lynch, weight throw, 42-6 1/2; Sara Sechovicz, 600, 1:51.5; Brigitta Brandt, 55 dash, 8.15; Brigitta Brandt, triple jump, 28-3.

FIFTH: Shannon Rhinhart, 55 dash, 8.23; Stephanie Poole, 1,000, 3:47.69; Jessica Corriveau, 200, 28.09; Nora Lynch, shot put, 32-2 1/4.

SIXTH: Shannan Chalmers, 600, 1:58.2; Laura Hurley, 1,000, 3:48.68.

SEVENTH: Starr Hockenberry, 1500, 5:31.19; Julie Flynn, 400, 1:12.49; Alyssa Reid, 1,000, 3:51.3.

EIGHTH: Tonya Storozuk, shot put, 30-6 1/4.

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Salem Stops Westfield Basketball Squads

Joel Perry
SID Student Intern

SALEM - A reality check has sent the Westfield State women's basketball team into a downward spiral.

The Owls lost their second straight game Thursday, Feb. 10, to Salem State, 77-55, to drop to 13-7 overall and 7-2 in the Massachusetts State Conference (MASCAC).

Salem, which lost at Westfield, 61-53 earlier this season, moved into first place in the MASCAC with a 7-1 record. The Vikings are 13-7 overall.

Salem led at halftime, 32-30, but poured it on in the second half outscoring the Owls, 45-25.

Sophomore forward A.J. LaBelle of Ashfield, had a team-high 12 points for the Owls. Freshman guard Brenda Knott scored 11 points, including three 3-pointers. Junior Jamie Vielmetti contributed nine points, seven rebounds, and five assists.

" We played a tough first half but gave up in the second. We let them penetrate and they had too many open looks at that basket," LaBelle said.

After the game coach Rick Berger expressed his feelings on the team.

" I have no idea what is going on. I never know which team is going to show up and play and I don't know how to fix it. We have three more MASCAC games and we have to play with more courage and emotion," he said.

Salem shot 46 percent from the field and was 15-of-23 from the foul line. Westfield shot 38 percent from the field and was only 3-of-6 from the line. Two freshmen led Salem's attack. Kara Smolinsky scored a game-high 19 points and 6-1 center Betsy Nichols had 15 points and 11 rebounds.

Salem Men 77
Westfield 66

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The Westfield State men's basketball team still plays with heart and intensity despite its six-game losing streak.

The Owls suffered a tough loss Thursday night to the No. 1 ranked team in New England, Salem State, 77-66. Salem is now 18-1 overall and 8-0 in the MASCAC.

The Owls led by eight at the end of the first half thanks in part to their defense and 10 points and five rebounds from junior forward Jon Mazzone of Littleton. He finished the game with 12 points and nine rebounds.

"We are a good team when we play with heart and intensity," Mazzone said.

Senior co-captain Adam Manchester of Newton posted a game-high 12 rebounds and also added 10 points despite fouling out in the second half.

The Owls' leading scorer Kurt Huggins, a junior guard from Long Island, N.Y., finished with 21 points. Huggins is currently the third leading scorer in the Massachusetts State Conference.

" We played very well. We only had a few mental lapses and that was the difference in the game," Huggins said.

Rich Sutter, in his second year of coaching at Westfield, was very pleased with his team's effort.

" Our guys have hung in there during our losing streak. I feel adversity creates men and our guys have stood tall through it all," he said.

The statistics were relatively even and the Owls even outrebounded the taller and talented Vikings, 49-36. Salem, however, did outshoot Westfield from three-point range. The Vikings make 7-of-20 treys, including 5-of-7 in the first half. Leadng scorer Jeremy Jones scored 21 points and was 5-of-9 from beyond the arc.

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SPORTS

Lawyer Janet P. Judge

National Girls & Women In Sports Day Varsity Honorees

Basketball - Monique Chapdelaine
Cheering - Jen Frohn
Cross Country - Melissa Merrow
Field Hockey - Melissa Perrotty
Soccer - Kelly Furlong
Softball - Colleen Doyle
Swimming and Diving - Reanna Leite
Track and Field - Jessica Corriveau
Athletic Training - Jennifer King
Volleyball - Sara Woodcock

Guest Lecturer To Speak On Women's Sports

The first spring Westfield State College Guest Lecturer Series speaker is also part of the college's month-long celebration of National Girls and Women in Sports Day.

Lawyer Janet P. Judge will give a presentation on how legal issues influence the future of women's sports entitled "Playing by the rules: the future of sports law," at 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 15, in Dever Auditorium. Her audience will include all varsity student-athletes and coaches at Westfield State.

She also will speak at 2 p.m. in the SGA Room on "Legal Issues on Campus."

Judges successfully turned a career on the courts into a career of law. Formerly, she was an assistant director of athletics at Harvard University. Then, while a student at Boston University School of Law, she coached collegiate soccer and basketball.

Judge is now an attorney with the law firm of Verrill & Dana L.L.P. She concentrates her practice on sports law, employment counseling, and litigation. As a member of the firm's Sports Law Group, she currently advises and represents colleges on a range of issues.

Track/Field Results

WOMEN'S TEAM STANDINGS: Westfield 111; Rhode Island College 99; Keene State 92; Umass Dartmouth 56; Fitchburg 40; Eastern Connecticut 34; Worcester State 34; Bridgewater State 29; Salem State 24; Umass Boston 3.

The following are the athletes who earned points for Westfield State:

FIRST: Melissa Merrow, 3000, 11:07.27; Nora Lynch, weight throw, 42-3/4; Jessica Corriveau, 400, 1:02.08; Diana Cares, 1000, 3:10.46.

SECOND: Diana Cares, 1500, 4:57.24.

THIRD: Starr Hockenberry, 3000, 11:45.86; 4 x 400 relay, 4:38.78;; 4 x 800 relay, 10:43.57; Shannon Rhinhart, triple jump, 30-9 3/4; Starr Hockenberry, 600, 1:56.78; Melissa Merrow, 800, 2:32.52.

FOURTH: Jessica Corriveau, 200, 28.57; Jessica Corriveau, long jump, 15-3 1/4; Brigitta Brandt, triple jump, 29-9 1/4; Andrea Petrolini, 400, 1:06.24; Sara Sechovicz, 800, 2:34.47.

SIXTH: Andrea Petrolini, 55 hurdles, 11.24; Shannan Chalmers, high jump, 4-3 1/4; Michelle Snyder, 600, 2:25.63.

MEN'S TEAM STANDINGS: Westfield State 113.5; Keene State 110.5; Southern Maine 79.5; Umass Dartmouth 56.5; Eastern Connecticut 48; Worcester State 46; Bridgewater State 30; Fitchburg State 20; Salem State 18; Umass Boston 4; Rhode Island College 1.

The following are Westfield's top finishers:

FIRST: Matt Collins, 400, 51.53; Matt Collins, 55 hurdles, 8.19; 4 x 400 relay, 3:32.26; Tom Schreiber 20 lb. weight throw, 47-1 3/4.

SECOND: Kevin LaCoste, 1000, 2:37.42; Kevin LaCoste, 1500, 4:02.67; 4 x 800 relay, 8:23.39.

THIRD: Chris Allie, 400, 52.14; Jason Pappas, 800, 2:01.07; Joe Freeman, 55 hurdles, 8.25; Joe Freeman, high jump, 6-0 3/4; Joe Freeman, triple jump, 40-11 1/2.

FOURTH: Jim Roots, triple jump, 39-2 1/2; Tom Schreiber, shot put, 43-0 1/4.

FIFTH: Ryan Fregeau, 200, 23.39; Tim Trull, 800, 2:02.77; Ryan Fregeau, high jump, 5-10 3/4; Edgar Ortiz, long jump, 20-10 3/4; Brian Church, triple jump, 38-5 1/2; Marco Iannello, 600, 1:27.66.

SIXTH: Tom Bousquet, 1000, 2:44.07.

Westfield Bounces Fitchburg

A strong second-half effort lifted the Westfield State College men's basketball team to a 77-60 home victory over Fitchburg State on Saturday, Feb. 12.

Westfield snapped a six-game losing streak and is now 8-13 overall and 3-7 in the Mass. State Conference. Fitchburg is 7-14 overall and 3-6 in league play, including two upset victories over conference power Worcester State.

Fitchburg overcame an early 8-0 deficit as the teams traded baskets in the first half. Westfield took a 32-30 advantage into the locker room when junior Khele Sparks drained a 30-footer with time running out.

Leading 42-36 with 13:50 remaining, the Owls went on an 18-0 run over the next six minutes to take a commanding 60-38 lead.

Junior guard Kurt Huggins of Massapequa (Long Island, N.Y.) led Westfield's balanced attack with 18 points; he also grabbed eight rebounds. Senior forward Adam Manchester tallied 14 points and 11 rebounds, including eight off the offensive glass. Sophomore shooting guard Phil Conners scored 14 points and Sparks contributed 10.

The Owls outrebounded Fitchburg, 46-29, including 18 offensive boards.

Swim Team Prepares For New Englands

By Joel Perry 2/60
SID Student Intern

The Westfield State women's swimming and diving team sent five participants to the New England Championships held this past weekend at Bowdoin College in Brunswick, Me.

Qualifying for the New England championships were: senior Kristin Fleming of Natick (50, 100, 200 freestyle, 50 and 100 butterfly, breaststroke); senior Amy Fischer of Chelmsford (200 individual medley, 100 butterfly); senior Julie Hamel of Acushnet (freestyle sprints); Jody Stiefel of Natick (50, 100, 200 backstroke) and freshman Kim Mackenzie of Chelmsford (50, 100, 200 breaststroke).

"I hope they swim well this weekend. That is what counts. Everything else becomes irrelevant," said veteran head coach David Laing.

Despite finishing their regular season with a winning record of 5-4 - their seventh straight winning campaign - the Owls had to do it with only nine swimmers and three divers. This included victories over Western New England College, Saint Joseph's, Conn., Salem State, and big wins over rivals Plymouth State and Simmons College. The Owls lost a close meet to conference rival Bridgewater State partly because of their lack of depth.

Laing explained that he lost four girls throughout the season because of injuries.

"The hardest part of having a small team is I had to use certain people for certain events," he related. "My girls really didn't have a chance to focus because they had to swim so many events. Most teams carry 30 girls. We ended our season with 12."

Fleming commented on the overcoming of the team's adversity.

"We managed to have a very good season despite our lack of depth. We have a lot of good swimmers but we just don't have too many girls," she said.

Fleming, Fischer and Hamel - the seniors tri-captains - all expressed similar feelings on participating in their final meet this past weekend.

"We are all sad but we feel like it is our time to move on," they said.

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Owls Capture Alliance Track Championships

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BOSTON - The Westfield State men's and women's indoor track and field teams pulled off a double victory by claiming the New England Alliance championships on Sunday, Feb. 13.

The third annual event, pitting colleges from the Massachusetts State and Little East Conferences, was held at the Reggie Lewis Center, one of the top indoor track and field facilities in the country.

The Westfield women won the Alliance crown for the third consecutive year, while the Westfield men's squad avenged a six-point loss to Keene State last season to take their second title.

The Westfield men edged Keene State, 113.5 points to 110.5 to capture the 11-team meet. The Westfield women scored 111 points, followed closely by Rhode Island College (99) and Keene State (92).

"Both of our teams did well," said coach Sean O'Brien. "I was even pleased with performances by some of our athletes who didn't place."

In the women's meet, Westfield was led by four senior standouts who placed first. Diana Cares easily won the 1,000 meter run in a meet record time of 3:10.46; she also placed second in the 1500 (4:57.24).

Melissa Merrow won the 3,000 meter run (11:07.27) and finished third in the 800. Jessica Corriveau sprinted to a victory in the 400 (1:02.08) and finished fourth in both the 200 and the long jump. Nora Lynch won the weight throw (42-3/4).

Junior Starr Hockenberry, a Soutwick High School graduate, finished third in both the 3,000 and 800.

The Westfield State men also were spearheaded by four veterans. The Owl were led by All American senior Matt Collins, who won both the 400 (51.53) and the 55 hurdles (8.19).

Graduate student Tom Schreiber of Ashfield was first in the 20-pound weight throw and fourth in the shot put. Senior Kevin LaCoste of Athol was second in both the 1,000 and 1,500 meter runs.

Placing third in three events was senior Joe Freeman of Salem in the high jump, triple jump, and 55 hurdles.

TOP PHOTO: Westfield State senior basketball player Adam Manchester autographs a poster during the Take A Kid To The Game Program on Feb. 12. BOTTOM PHOTO: A group of youngsters meet the Owl mascot during the NCAA sponsored Take A Kid To The Game event. *Photos By Mickey Curtis*

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Swim Team Notches 7th Straight Winning Season

SALEM - The Westfield State College women's swimming and diving team finished its dual meet season with a 5-4 record as it defeated Salem State, 141-120, on Wednesday, Feb. 9.

It was the seventh straight winning season for Westfield State and veteran coach Dave Laing.

Senior Amy Fischer of Chelmsford was a double winner, taking the 100 butterfly (1:07.53) and the 500 freestyle (5:51.14). Freshman Kelly Reardon won both diving events, the three meter (186.85) and the one meter (188.95). Also finishing first was Julie Abare in the 100 breaststroke (1:16.03).

The Owls were second in 10 events. Finishing second were Fischer (200 freestyle, 2:11.60); Jody Stiefel (50 backstroke, 33.79, and 100 backstroke, 1:12.96); Abar (50 breastroke, 35.62); Reanna Leite (100 butterfly, 1:07.53); Julie Hamel (50 freestyle, 27.95 and 100 freestyle, 1:01.86); Kim MacKenzie (100 breaststroke, 1:16.23); and Kristen Fleming (50 butterfly, 31.85, and 100 individual medley 1:12.30).

Westfield's final competition of the 1999-2000 season is the New England championships, scheduled for Feb. 18-20 at Bowdoin College. Five Westfield swimmers have qualified for New Englands: Fischer, Hamel, Fleming, MacKenzie and Stiefel.

Home Basketball Games
Tuesday, Feb. 8
vs. Worcester State @ 6:00 and 8:00
Saturday, Feb. 12
vs. Fitchburg State @ 1:00 and 3:00

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Men's Hoops Loses In OT; Women Win

The Westfield State men's basketball team dropped a heartbreaking 80-79 overtime home setback to Framingham State on Thursday Feb. 17.

Junior forward Richard Staffere of Norwood made two free throws with 1.7 seconds remaining in the overtime to lift Framingham to the thrilling come-from-behind victory

Staffere, who scored a team-high 24 points, also sent the game into overtime with an offensive rebound tip-in with 1.7 seconds remaining in regulation.

Westfield State's Phil Conners gave the Owls a 79-78 lead when he canned two free throws with 2.5 seconds left in overtime. But Conners turned from hero to goat in less than a second when he fouled Staffere in the open court on an inbounds pass.

Framingham rallied from a 13-point, 45-32 deficit with 15:24 left in regulation on the strength of an extended zone defense. The Rams went on a 17-4 run to tie the score at 49 all with 8:52 remaining. Westfield led 65-60 with 2:23 remaining but couldn't put away the scrappy Rams.

Junior guard Kurt Huggins scored a game-high 25 points for the Owls. Senior forward Adam Manchester (14 points, 10 rebounds) and junior forward Jon Mazzone (16 points, 11 rebounds) both posted double-doubles. Conners finished with 12 points.

Westfield is now 8-14 overall and 3-8 in the Mass. State Conference. The Owls conclude the regular season with a game on Saturday at Mass. College. Framingham is 8-14 overall and finished conference play with three straight victories for a 4-8 record.

Women's Basketball
Owls 79 - Framingham 57

A hot-shooting Westfield State women's basketball team rolled to a 79-57 victory over Framingham State.

The Owls are now15-7 overall and 9-2 in the conference, trailing first-place Salem State (10-1). Westfield can clinch the No. 1 seed in the conference postseason tournament if it wins Saturday at Mass. College and Salem loses at Worcester State. Framingham, which lost to Salem in overtime last Saturday, finished the regular season 15-8 overall and 6-6 in league play.

The Owls got off to a strong start vs. Framingham. Trailing 6-4, Westfield went on a 16-0 seven-minute run to take a 20-6 lead with 11 minutes left in the first half. The Owls led 34-24 at halftime and outscored Framingham 45-34 in the second half in which they shot 63 percent.

Sophomore forward A.J. LaBelle of Ashfield (Mohawk Regional) powered Westfield with 26 points, 12 rebounds, four assists and five steals; she was 11 for 16 from the field. Monique Chapdelaine scored 13 points and Brenda Knott contributed 10. Freshman center Melissa Cote of Feeding Hills added eight points and 11 rebounds.

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Men's Basketball Deemed Success Despite Final Record

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By Joel Perry
SID Student Intern

Despite a 9-15 record the Westfield State men's basketball team's season has been deemed a success.

The Owls showed their determination by playing tough throughout the season giving many opponents an unwelcomed scare. The team was competitive in almost every game and lost five games by a total of eight points, including an 80-78 overtime setback to Massachusetts State Conference (MASCAC) regular season champion Worcester State.

Second-year coach Rich Sutter was very pleased with the team's effort.

"Our season went well. We had nine victories which was three more than last year. We have everybody returning next year with the exception of Adam Manchester. Combine that and a couple of solid recruits and we could easily be contenders," he said.

Manchester, a senior forward from Newton, played his final game last Tuesday night. He is a fifth - year senior, a four-year starter and a two -year captain. This season Manchester averaged a team-high 7.7 rebounds per game. He was second on the team in scoring with 270 points (11.3 ppg.) and free throw shooting (79 percent).

"I am proud of the guys' work on and off the court. We finished 9-15; we could of easily gone 15-9 but that is just the way the ball bounces sometimes," Manchester said.

Manchester thanked his teammates, coaches and fans for all of their support.

"I am so glad I had the chance to play for coach Sutter and assistant coach (Ed) Winch. I was blessed to be a part of their team."

"Adam was a two-year captain and a true leader," said Sutter. "He is one of the architects of our program. I am very proud of his development as a player and a person."

Along with Manchester, Kurt Huggins a junior guard from Long Island, N.Y.; Jon Mazzone, a junior forward from Littleton; and Kris Kachelmeyer, a junior forward from Bernardston, played the bulk of the minutes for Westfield.

Huggins finished second in the conference in scoring with 419 points, averaging 17.5 per game, and led the team in steals (51) and three-point shooting (43 percent). The explosive 6-0 shooting guard also scored a game-high 33 points twice and ranked second in rebounding, averaging 5.5 a game.

"Kurt came in with a world of ability but we helped him become a complete player. His work ethic and coach-ability helped him become one of the best all around players in the league," Sutter said.

Mazzone was third on the team in scoring (9.8) and rebounding (4.8). His most vital statistic was probably the 40-plus offensive charges he created on defense.

"Mazzone's development has

point shooting percentage (38 percent). "Kack" averaged 10.6 points per game.

"Kachelmeyer was a great team leader. His injury really hurt us emotionally and physically," Sutter said.

Phil Conners, a sharp-shooting sophomore guard from Lowell, led the team in free throw shooting going 42-52 (81 percent). He was second in three-point shooting (38 percent).

Freshman point guard Ethan Slavin of Mohegan Lake, N.Y., received a considerable amount of playing time for the Owls, including eight starts, as did junior forward Adam Cobb. Key reserves included Khele Sparks and Brian Stanton.

Sutter expressed his feelings on his reserve players.

"Chris Caputo, Derek Danis and Ryan Rea didn't really get a lot of playing time this year but they came to practice every day and worked as hard as they could. They are all a key part of our team and our improvement," he said.

The Owls lost their final game of the season in the quarterfinals of the MASCAC tournament, 86-70, to Salem State. The Owls led by as many as 11 early in the game but the Vikings went on a 16-1 run and took a 34-29 halftime lead. Early in the second half Mazzone led the Owls to within a point of Salem, 47-46, with 12 minutes remaining.

Mazzone finished with a career-high 24 points, including seven field goals in the second half. He was 6-for-6 from the foul line.

"Everbody on the team needed to step it up and I just ended up getting a hot hand. I wanted to win badly," Mazzone said.

The Owls just couldn't keep pace with Salem's Danny Bunker who hit two three -pointers to in

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WESTFIELD STATE MEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM - First row, left to right: Khele Sparks, Jon Mazzone, Kris Kachelmeyer, Adam Manchester, Adam Cobb, Phil Conners, Brian Stanton. Second row: head coach Rich Sutter, Chris Caputo, Kurt Huggins, Derek Danis, Ryan Rea, Ethan Slavin, assistant coach Tad Tokarz. *Photo By Mickey Curtis*

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Women Win Tournament Opener

A strong defensive effort lifted the Westfield State women's basketball team to a 61-35 victory over Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts in the quarterfinals of the Mass. State Conference postseason tournament on Feb. 22.

Westfield, 17-7 overall, faced Worcester State in the tournament semifinals on Friday, Feb. 25, at 8:00 p.m. at Salem State College. Worcester State routed Fitchburg State, 66-29, in other quarterfinal action. Westfield and Worcester split their regular season series.

Westfield trailed 5-2 with 14 minutes left in the first half, then outscored a cold-shooting Mass. College team, 28-5, to take a commanding 30-10 halftime lead.

The Owls, who struggled to defeat MCLA twice during the regular season, outscored the visitors 12-2 in opening six minutes of the second half for a 42-12 advantage.

Sophomore forward A.J. LaBelle of Ashfield (Mohawk Regional) led Westfield's balanced attack with 14 points and eight rebounds. Sophomore guard Michaela Blaney of North Andover scored 12 points and junior forward Monique Chapdelaine of Sturbridge came off the bench to contribute 11 points and six boards.

Junior guard Jamie Vielmetti of South Deerfield tallied six points, six assists and 11 rebounds.

Christine Bonatti led the Mohawks with 15 points and nine rebounds. Mass. College shot 26 percent for the game, including 14 percent (4-for-29) in the first half.

Westfield 73 - MCLA 72

NORTH ADAMS - The Westfield State men's basketball team concluded its regular season with a 73-72 victory over rival Mass. College of Liberal Arts.

Mass. College finished 12-12 overall and 6-6 in the conference, including a 14-point home victory over Salem last week.

The Owls led 32-29 at halftime and by eight points with four minutes left in the game. MCLA 6-7 center Murales Louis, who posted game highs of 26 points, eight rebounds and five blocks, drained two three-point baskets in the final 14 seconds to make things interesting.

Westfield sophomore guard Phil Conners made a free throw with sevens seconds remaining to give the Owls a 73-69 lead. Conners finished with 12 points, six assists and two steals.

Tying for team-high honors were junior guards Kurt Huggins and Kris Kachelmeyer with 18 points apiece. Kachelmeyer had been sidelined the past two weeks with a fractured wrist but looked sharp as he was 8-for-11 from the field, canning all eight of his two-point attempts. The Bernardston native also grabbed six rebounds.

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Five Westfield Players Named All Conference In Basketball

By Mickey Curtis, Sports Information Director FEB 2000

Five Westfield State College basketball players were named to the Mass. State Conference all-league squads that were announced today.

Three members of the Westfield State women's team were named all conference: junior guard Jamie Vielmetti (South Deerfield), sophomore forward A.J. LaBelle (Ashfield), and freshmen center Melissa Cote (Feeding Hills). Junior guard Kurt Huggins (Massapequa, N.Y.) and senior forward Adam Manchester (Newton) represented the Owls on the men's all conference squad.

Vielmetti and LaBelle, who led the Owls to a 17-7 record and a second-place finish during the conference's regular season, were first-team selections. Vielmetti, a second-team selection last season, led the conference and ranks 20th nationally in assists per game (5.2). The 5-10 guard/forward is the team's second-leading scorer (11.8), ranks first in free throw shooting (71 percent), and fourth in rebounding (5.1).

"Jamie sacrificed a lot of scoring this year to make us a successful team," said coach Rick Berger. "We had to use her at point guard this season, which is not her natural position, but she she did everything we asked her to do and more."

LaBelle emerged as one of the top players in the conference. The 5-10 Mohawk Regional graduate averaged 7.4 rebounds and a team-high 15 points per game. She also shot 70 percent from the foul line and averaged 2.1 steals and 2.2 assists each contest. LaBelle pumped in a career-high 30 points in a big 61-53 victory over Salem State on Jan. 18.

"A.J. had a strong sophomore season," said Berger. "We really didn't have any go-to players but A.J. and Jamie are becoming just that."

Cote, a 6-0 center from Agawam High School, was one of four freshmen named to the all conference second team. She developed as a defensive standout and boosted her scoring output during the second half of the season. Cote ranked third in conference rebounding (9.2) and fifth in blocked shots; she averaged 6.9 points per game.

Huggins was a first-team selection in his first season at Westfield State. The Mitchell Junior College (New London, Conn.) transfer was the conference's second leading scorer, averaging 17.5 points per game. The explosive 6-0 guard led the team in three-point shooting (48-for-112, 43 percent) and steals (2.1), and was second in rebounding (5.5).

Manchester, the only senior member of either of Westfield's teams, was a second-team selection. The Newton native averaged 11.3 points and a team-high 7.7 rebounds. He shot 79 percent from the foul line (100-of-126). Manchester finished the season strong by posting four double-doubles in the last five games.

"Both Kurt and Adam are deserving of the honor," said coach Rich Sutter. "The MASCAC was very competitive from top to bottom this season and they were two of the players who stood out."

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Women's Basketball Team Has Winning Season, Attitude

MARCH 2000

By Joel Perry
SID Student Intern

A young Westfield State women's basketball team surprised many with an exceptional season and is anxiously looking forward to next year.

The Owls, with no seniors on the squad, finished the season with an overall record of 17-8 and second place in the Massachusetts State Conference (MASCAC) at 10-2. The team exhibited its will to win despite being picked fifth in the coaches' preseason conference poll and enduring several injuries throughout the year.

In addition, Westfield also played one of the toughest schedules in New England. Five of the Owls' losses were to teams who qualified for either the NCAA or ECAC Tournaments.

Rick Berger, in his 10th year of coaching the Owls with an impressive 199-77 record, was very pleased with the his team's attitude and work ethic.

"Overall, we had a pretty good season. We had many bright spots on the team that helped us elevate our game both offensively and defensively," he said

Sophomore forward A.J. LaBelle of Ashfield was a one of the reasons for the Owls' success. She led the team in scoring, averaging 15.48 points a game, and steals (2.16). She started all 25 games and was named to the All-MASCAC first-team.

"A.J did a lot of work in the off-season to improve her game and it showed. She physically dominated her opponents all year," Berger said.

Junior guard and co-captain Jamie Vielmetti from South Deerfield continued to be a force in the MASCAC this year. She was first in the league and 20th nationally in assists, averaging 5.36 a game. She ranked second on the team in scoring, averaging 11.6 points per game, and shot a team-leading 71 percent from the foul line. She was also named to the All-MASCAC team for the second straight year, this time earning first-team all conference honors.

"Jamie had a great year but it wasn't easy for her. Injuries (to teammates) forced her to play a new position and a incredible amount of minutes. If we ever took Jamie out of the lineup, we would have never gotten to where we are today. She has come a long way as a player, a person and a leader," Berger said.

Melissa Cote, a 6-0 freshman center from nearby Feeding Hills, was unsure of her playing role at the season's outset. Starting every game, she was third in the league in rebounding (9.1) and selected to the All-MASCAC second team.

"Melissa came into the season expecting to be a backup. We forced her in to a starting position and she responded extremely well. We are looking for big things from her next year," Berger said.

Michaela Blaney, a sophomore guard from North Andover, had a solid defensive year for the Owls. The team ranked first in the MASCAC in scoring defense, allowing an average of 53.7 points a game, and Blaney played a pivotal role.

"Michaela stepped it up on defense this year. She hasn't missed a practice or a game in two years. She is very dedicated and in my opinion if there was an all-defensive team for the conference she would be the first pick," Berger said.

Blaney also played well offensively; she was the team's third leading scorer, averaging 8.6 points per game.

Junior forward Monique Chapdelaine of Sturbridge and freshman guard Brenda Knott of Dudley also contributed a great deal to the team's success. Chapdelaine, coming off the bench in most games, averaged 7.8 points and 6.2 rebounds. Knott improved steadily during the season; she averaged 4.5 points and emerged as a defensive stopper.

"Monique had a great start this year. Even though she got hurt midway through the season she still came back strong and helped us out.

"Brenda showed a great deal of progress this year. She is turning into a very good player," Berger said.

Key reserves also included sophomore guard Kristen Mucci and freshmen Alissa Tedesco and Stacy Adams. Next year the team has everybody returning and they are looking to stay at the top of the MASCAC.

"I am looking forward to my senior season. Our team has great chemistry and if we add a few good recruits there is no telling how far we can go. We just need to keep in shape over the off season," Vielmetti said.

"Our only difference from our upcoming season and this past year is that we will have senior leadership from Vielmetti, Chapdelaine and Kate Simmons, a transfer from the University of New Haven. That kind of leadership is something every coach wants to have," Berger said.

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Westfield State Women's Basketball Team - First row, left to right: Stacy Adams, Kristen Mucci, A.J. LaBelle, Jamie Vielmetti, Monique Chapdelaine, Brenda Knott, Kate Simmons. Second row: assistant coach Amanda Braden, assistant coach Kristen Schmaelzle, Michaela Blaney, Melissa Cote, Alissa Tedesco, Michelle Chapdelaine, Kelly Lynch, head coach Rick Berger. Missing is assistant coach Jay Fortier. *Photo By Mickey Curtis*

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Women Fall In Tournament Semis

SALEM - The Westfield State College women's basketball team lost to Worcester State, 69-47, in the semifinals of the Mass. State Conference postseason tournament.

Westfield, 17-8, split its regular season series with Worcester State. Worcester State, 15-12, was routed by Salem State, 81-48, in the conference championship game.

Salem, which split its season series with Westfield, also won its opening round game in the NCAA Tournament last Wednesday, defeating Wellesley, 55-48.

Westfield trailed Worcester, 32-28, before a disappointing second-half in which the Owls were outscored, 37-19. Worcester took advantage of Westfield's poor passing and shooting (32 percent from the floor) to take a 54-38 lead with 9:49 remaining.

Westfield trailed 58-47 with 4:22 remaining but Worcester scored the game's final 11 points.

Sophomore A.J. LaBelle was Westfield's only offensive threat as she finished with 26 points, 10 rebounds and four steals. Junior guard Jamie Vielmetti had seven points, nine assists and two steals.

Junior guard Sacha Aston, the conference's Player of the Year, nearly pulled off a triple-double with 16 points, nine rebounds and nine steals. Center Lauren Burke dominated the inside play with 26 points and 11 rebounds; she was 8-for-11 from the field and 10-for-13 from the foul line.

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Westfield State Women's Swimming and Diving Team - First row, left to right: Kim MacKenzie, Melanie Kirouac, Karen Flaherty, Laura Cadogan, Kelley Reardon, Colleen Boisvert, Jenny Withers, Jody Stiefel, Julie Abare. Second row: assistant coach Sue Parker, Reanna Leite, Julie Hamel, Kristin Fleming, Amy Fischer, head coach Dave Laing, assistant coach Scott Glassman. *Photo By Mickey Curtis*

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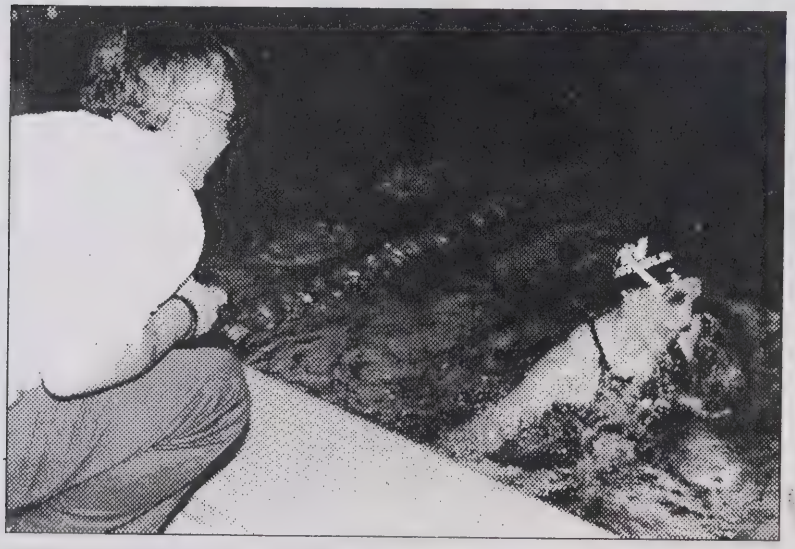


Go Amy! - Head coach Dave Laing shouts encouragement to senior Amy Fischer during a recent swim meet. Fischer swam personal bests in the 200 individual medley, the 100 butterfly, and the 100 individual medley in her final collegiate competition at the New England championships. *Photo By Mickey Curtis*

Athletics Hall Of Fame Inductions Set For May 13

MARCH 2000

By Mickey Curtis, SID

Five standout athletes and an administrator have been elected for induction into the Westfield State College Athletics Hall of Fame.

The sixth annual inductions will take place on Saturday evening, May 13, 2000 at Scanlon Banquet Hall on the Westfield State campus. The previous five induction ceremonies were held during the fall months. Following the inductions this spring there will be 51 members in the prestigious Hall.

Headlining this year's group is Charles "Bud" Hagan, a former coach and administrator. Hagan was the director of athletics and a physical education instructor at the College from 1956 to 1962, and also coached the baseball and basketball teams.

Former student-athletes who will be inducted are: Jack Crowley ('86), football; Ed "Butch" LaMagdelaine ('79), baseball and volleyball; Deb (O'Reilly) Kline ('83), field hockey and softball; Tom Parks ('76), basketball; and John Vassallo ('80), soccer.

Contact the Westfield State athletics department at 572-5405 for ticket information.

JACK CROWLEY

Jack Crowley was Westfield State's first All American in football, earning the honor during his senior season. He was an All New England and all conference selection in both 1984 and 1985 and an ECAC All-Star in 1985.

A team captain during his senior season, Crowley was Westfield State's defensive player of the year in 1984 and 1985 and still holds school records for most tackles by an interior lineman in a season (131) and career (211).

The Hingham native also excelled in the classroom as he was a GTE Academic All-America, graduating from Westfield State with a 3.5 grade point average. He majored in accounting and minored in computer science.

Crowley obtained his master's degree in business administration from U-Mass Boston in 1991 and earned his CPA license in 1993. He is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the Massachusetts Society of Certified Public Accountants.

Crowley is employed by Pricewarehouse Coopers, LLP as an audit manager in the technology group. He is married to Barbara (Coughlin) Crowley (Westfield State Class of 1987), and they reside in Hingham with their one-year-old son Scott.

CHARLES "BUD" HAGAN

Charles "Bud" Hagan ushered Westfield State into its modern era of intercollegiate athletics, serving as the first full-time athletics director beginning in 1956, the year the college moved from its downtown Westfield location to Western Avenue.

Hagan wore many hats during his 34 years at Westfield State. From 1956-62 he coached the baseball and basketball teams, was a physical education instructor, and directed the intramurals and intercollegiate athletics programs.

Hagan was the registrar at Westfield State until his retirement in 1990. He has been a member of the College's athletics Hall of Fame committee since its inception, serving the first three years as chairperson and the past three years as an ex officio.

Hagan was a standout athlete in baseball, basketball, football and track at Westfield High School. He played basketball and baseball at Arnold College, now the University of Bridgeport, and received his master's degree from American International College.

A U.S. Navy veteran of World War II, Hagan began his coaching career in the Canadian Maritimes. He coached basketball and football at St. Patrick's High School, and basketball at King's College in Halifax, Nova Scotia.

While in the Maritimes, Hagan was a standout pitcher for the St. John Dodgers in the New Brunswick Provincial League, and in basketball he led Halifax to a second-place finish in the Canadian Amateur Championships in 1954-55. Hagan poured in a city record 42 points in one game during the season.

Hagan enjoys skiing and golf in his retirement years. He and his wife Kathleen (O'Rourke) have three children - twin daughters Sheila Meyer and Nancy Healey and son James, who is the current chairperson of the Westfield State College board of trustees - and seven grandchildren.

ED LaMAGDELAINE

Ed "Butch" LaMagdelaine was a workhorse pitcher for the powerful Westfield State baseball teams of the late 1970s that posted an aggregate record of 119-43-1 and qualified for four NCAA Tournament during his four years.

LaMagdelaine still holds school records for most games pitched in a season (15) and career (43), and most relief appearances in a season (11) and career (22). His career totals include a 21-7-1 pitching record, 103 strikeouts, and an earned run average below 3.00.

The Holyoke native was a team captain in 1979 and an All New England conference second team selection in 1978, the same year he threw a no-hitter in North Carolina vs. Division I Campbell College. LaMagdelaine also had two other memorable pitching performances: he threw complete games in a 14-inning 1-1 tie vs. Siena College in 1976 and 12 innings in a 2-2 tie vs. Springfield in 1977.

LaMagdelaine also participated in intercollegiate volleyball for two years and was a standout athlete in Westfield State's highly popular intramurals program, winning the Superstars competition during his freshman and sophomore years. Following his graduation in 1979 LaMagdelaine continued to play baseball in the Tri-County League and was the winning pitching for BG Mechanical of Holyoke in the 1985 league championship game.

LaMagdelaine moved to North Carolina in 1991 and lives in Charlotte, where he is a sales, service and installation manager for US Environmental, a water purification company. He and his wife, Ellen (Case), a 1986 Westfield State graduate, have an 11-year-old son Shawn.

DEBBIE (O'REILLY) KLINE

Debbie (O'Reilly) Kline was the star player on Westfield's field hockey team that captured the Massachusetts State Conference title and placed third in the first NCAA Division III national championships, hosted by Westfield State in 1981. She set school records that year for goals (23) and points (54) that still stand today.

Kline was a three-year member of the Westfield State field hockey team - she did not play her freshman season because of a knee injury - and played softball in 1979 and 1980. She was an all conference field hockey selection in 1982 when she tallied 12 goals.

She was a Boston Globe All Scholastic in field hockey at Beverly High School, where she also starred in basketball and softball.

The 1983 Westfield State graduate also has been a successful coach. She has coached softball for the past 15 years at Beverly High School and has received Coach of the Year honors four times. She coached field hockey for 10 years, including seven seasons at Beverly, and was Coach of the Year once. She now officiates high school field hockey games.

Kline has been a physical education instructor at Beverly High School for the past seven years. She and her husband, Anthony, reside in Pride's Crossing, Mass., with their five sons: Lawrence (13), John (12), Thoai (8), Bao (6), and Anh (18 months).

TOM PARKS

Tom Parks was a four-year basketball standout from 1973-76 when the Owls posted an aggregate record of 61-37 and qualified for the ECAC Tournament in 1974.

The Dorchester native is seventh on Westfield's all-time scoring list with 1,256 points and is the former record holder for career rebounds. Parks averaged 13.2 points and 9.1 rebounds during his collegiate career and played in 95 games, second on the all-time list.

Parks was an all conference selection in 1976 and his skills did not go unnoticed as he received a free agent tryout with the Boston Celtics.

Parks received his master's degree in education from Westfield State in 1981 and has been a seventh grade social studies teacher in the Boston school department since 1985.

Parks is heavily involved in community and church affairs in the Boston area.

JOHN VASSALLO

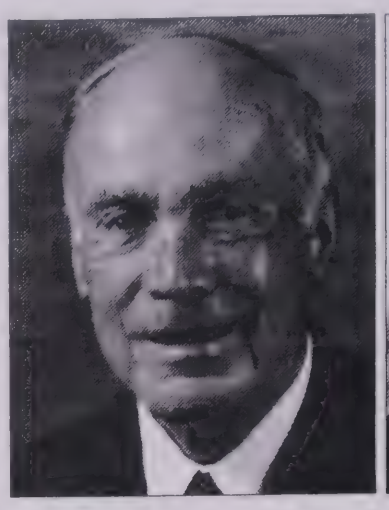
John Vassallo earned All America honorable mention status in 1979 when he led the Westfield State soccer team with 19 goals and 11 assists. He also was an All New England first-team selection in 1979 and all conference in 1978 and 1979.

The Amherst, Mass., native is seventh on the all-time scoring list with 120 points (46 goals, 28 assists). During his four years at Westfield State the Owls posted an aggregate record of 47-17-1, won two conference championships, and qualified for one NCAA and two ECAC Tournaments.

In high school, Vassallo was a Hampshire League all-star in soccer, basketball and baseball. He was an all Western Mass. performer in soccer in 1975.

Vassallo resides in Wilmington, Mass., with his wife, Jaimee (MacKenzie), a 1979 Westfield State graduate, and three sons: Danny (14), Michael (12), and Kenny (8). He has coached his sons in the Wilmington youth soccer leagues for the past nine years and in Little League baseball since 1993.

Vassallo is employed with the JV Associates Insurance Agency. He is president of the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce and secretary of the Wilmington Rotary Club.



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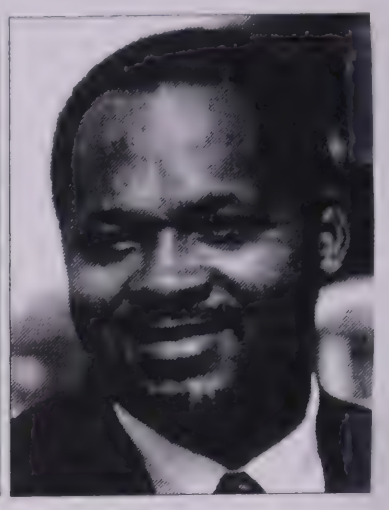

Tom Parks

Athletics Hall of Fame Class of 2000

Name	Sport	Class
Jack Crowley Hometown: Hingham, Mass.	Football	1986
Charles "Bud" Hagan Hometown: Westfield, Mass.	Administrator/Coach	
Ed "Butch" LaMagdelaine Hometown: Holyoke Mass.; now resides in Charlotte, NC	Baseball/Volleyball	1979
Deb (O'Reilly) Kline Hometown: Beverly, Mass.; now resides in Pride's Crossing, Mass.	Field Hockey/Softball	1983
Tom Parks Hometown: Dorchester, Mass.; now resides in Easton, Mass.	Basketball	1976
John Vassallo Hometown: Amherst, Mass., now resides in Wilmington, Mass.	Soccer	1980

Harden's Hit Rallies Owls

WESTFIELD - Junior Will Harden belted a no-out, runscoring single with the bases loaded in the bottom the ninth inning to rally the Westfield State College baseball team to a 4-3 victory over Keene State on Thursday, March 23, in the home opener.

Trailing 3-1, Westfield scored a run in the eighth on a double by Ray McPeck and an RBI single by sophomore catcher Josue Zamora of Hartford.

In the ninth, the Owls - who started five freshmen - began their comeback when Dan Wenzel walked and pinch hitter Joe Yaskis ripped a single up the middle. Wenzel then scored the tying run on a throwing error following Aaron Belanger's sacrifice hit.

Corey Scafidi then blooped a single over the second base bag to load the bases to set up Harden's game-winning hit.

Harden, freshman Robert Coro of Revere, and Scafidi all belted two singles in Westfield's 11-hit attack. Freshman lefty Rob Coppola of Revere was the winning pitcher; he hurled an inning and a third, striking out three.

Starting Marc Kelly pitched a solid seven innings for the Owls, allowing seven hits and two runs. He was aided by three double plays.

Westfield, 5-6, plays at home twice this week: Wednesday vs. Albertus Magnus at 3:00 and Saturday vs. Salem State at 1:00.

Softball Blanks Becker

LEICESTER - Senior center fielder Colleen Doyle of Pittsfield slugged a homer and double and drove in three runs to power Westfield State to an 8-0 softball victory over Becker College.

Junior Jill Easttey pounded two doubles for the Owls and leadoff hitter Sue Smith slapped a double and single.

Winning pitcher Andrea Cabit, a freshman from Stoughton, pitched the first six innings.

Westfield's home opener is Wednesday vs. Smith at 4:00.

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Westfield State College cheering competition squad members pose for the camera during a recent trip to Orlando, Fla.

Cheering Squad Flips Over High Showing

Joel Perry, SID Student Intern April 2000

The Westfield State co-ed competition cheering squad is doing flips over its second-place showing in the Canadian-American Cheerleading competition held March 18-19 in Myrtle Beach, S.C.

The competition squad is just one of the three cheering teams at Westfield State, which are all under the direction of sixth-year coach Lisa Moskow. Unlike the other squads which only perform at varsity sporting events, the competition squad is a year-long commitment of lengthy practices and mandatory weight training sessions to prepare for national competitions.

The 1999-2000 competition roster currently consists of 10 women and three men. They are:

Kate Barrington, Kimberly Davis, Tara Fiorini, Melissa Fitzgerald, Jennifer Frohn, Mandy Goncalo, Jillian Hardy, Kyla Martin, Veronica Soares, Brooke VanSciver, Paul Bradfield, Paul Kowal and Steve Wright.

In the past few years, the squad has competed in the Universial Cheerleaders Association College Cheerleading Championships in Orlando, Fla., and has consistently ranked among the top small college co-ed (three men or less) teams in the country.

This spring the team decided to change competitions and venue in participating in the Can-Am championships at Myrtle Beach. During this competition the squad performed two routines and the average score between the two was calculated. Westfield was just edged out by the Super All Stars of Chicago, Ill.

Jillian Hardy, a junior co-captain from Mansfield, said "getting second place was very exciting. We did the best routine we could have. I am very proud of the hard work and dedication each member of the team contributed."

During practices and competition the squad performs a choreographed routine that consists of pyramids, partner stunts, gymnastics, jumps, dance (women only) and crowd response cheers.

"Before a routine can be choreographed, we need to evaluate our strengths and weaknesses. We had great versatility and that was very important when executing the difficult routine that we had this year. We have a very good team. Our cheerleaders were not just talented but also very focused and determined to be successful," Moskow said.

The team is now in its off season and looking to bring back the championship trophy next year.

Senior co-captain Steve Wright of Norton, is the only four-year member on the team and sees great things in the future for the squad.

"I am confident that we will be seeing Westfield State competition cheering competing at the national level for a long time and consistently being ranked among the best small school teams in the country," he remarked. "After four years of competing I am disppointed to leave a program that gets better and better every year."

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3.0 Student-Athletes Receive Recognition

By Mickey Curtis, SID

One hundred and eleven (111) Westfield State College students have been recognized as scholar-athletes for completing the 1999 fall semester with cumulative grade point averages of 3.0 or better.

The 3.0 Club represents approximately one-third of the student-athletes at Westfield State.

"We are very proud of all our student-athletes; the way they perform on the playing fields and in the classroom," said Westfield State athletics director Ken Magarian. "I would especially like to thank the faculty, staff and coaches for their support and guidance."

The 3.0 Club students will be honored Thursday morning, April 20, at the third annual athletics academic reception in Scanlon Banquet Hall. The honorees will have an opportunity to invite one of their professors to the reception as their special guests.

The football team leads the way with 18 scholar-athletes followed by women's track and field (15), women's cross country (13), and field hockey (10). The athletics training staff, with 10 of Rich Pierce's 12-member staff maintaining 3.0 GPAs, also is being recognized.

The varsity athletics team with the highest percentage of students with 3.0 GPAs is women's cross country (13 of 18), which also compiled a team-high 3.32 cumulative average.

The following is a sport-by-sport breakdown of Westfield State's scholar-athletes:

Baseball (7) Matt Daley, Matt Donah, David Federico, Marc Kelly, Tom LaFlesh, Corey Scafidi, and Doug Smutnick.

Competitition Cheering (2) Melissa Fitzgerald and Mandy Goncalo.

Men's Basketball (3) Derek Danis, Ryan Rea, and Ethan Slavin.

Women's Basketball (4) Stacy Adams, Michaela Blaney, Melissa Cote, and Alissa Tedesco.

Men's Cross Country (7) Travis Bettencourt, Mike Bolotin, Tom Bousquet, Nick Burke, Brian Church, Kevin LaCoste, and Chris MacDonald.

Women's Cross Country (13) Karen Bardani, Tracey Borucki, Diana Cares, Alison Carnie, Starr Hockenberry, Laura Hurley, Erica Mellone, Melissa Merrow, Miranda Osgood, Stephanie Poole, Alyssa Reid, Sara Sechovicz, and Lori Starsiak.

Field Hockey (10) Julieann Flynn, Ashley Karpf, Jenny Kislo, Christine Mazeika, Meghan Perreault, Melissa Perrotty, Teri Phipps, Erica Pratt, Kate Tiedemann, and Brooke Wadhams.

Football (18) Gabe Bonneville, David Carabin, Tim Corr, Jamel Davenport, Jess Davis, Dean DiGregorio, David Eaton, Vinnie Ferrecchia, Mike Flaherty, Scott Harlow, Mark Howard, Mike Hurteau, Kris Lagor, Shawn Lyman, Paul Morcone, Brett Poirier, Brian Ross, and Patrick Swett.

Women's Soccer (9) Melissa Albano, Rhiannon D'Angelo, Kelly Furlong, Melanie Kirouac, Kerry Lyons, Michelle Montvitt, Erin Reardon, Darcie Smalley, and Roberta St. Peters.

Men's Soccer (2) Karl Labadorf and Chris Whalley.

Softball (9) Andrea Cabit, Sarah Kalagher, Nicole Kenney, Michelle Montvitt, Kelly O'Brien, Meghan Perreault, Jill Pydynkowski, Roberta St. Peters, and Erin Stawarz.

Women's Swimming and Diving (8) Colleen Boisvert, Laura Cadogan, Amy Fischer, Karen Flaherty, Julie Hamel, Melanie Kirouac, Reanna Leite, and Jody Stiefel.

Men's Track and Field (8) Chris Allie, Travis Bettencourt, Tom Bousquet, Brian Church, Mark Howard, Kevin LaCoste, Chris MacDonald, and Tom Schreiber.

Women's Track and Field (15) Brigitta Brandt, Diana Cares, Jessica Corriveau, Kelly Gasior, Starr Hockenberry, Laura Hurley, Nora Lynch, Erica Mellone, Melissa Merrow, Miranda Osgood, Andrea Petrolini, Stephanie Poole, Alyssa Reid, Lori Starsiak, and Sara Sechovicz.

Trainers (10) Christine Bolte, Steve Chandler, Kelly Copperthite, Tom Fusari, Kara Gregory, Christopher Jacques, Jennifer King, Jason Laferriere, Sarah Lyden, and Amy Nogueira.

Women's Volleyball (5) Larissa Farrell, Katelyn Foley, Michelle Harris, Vanessa Rea, and Sara Woodcock.

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Merrow Named District Academic All America

By Mickey Curtis, SID

Westfield State College senior student-athlete Melissa Merrow was recently named a District I GTE Academic All America as selected by the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA).

Merrow, a four-year standout on the cross country and track teams, also excels academically at Westfield State. Through seven semesters the psychology major from Dunstable, Mass., has posted a 3.886 cumulative grade point average.

Merrow was chosen to the District I fall/winter at-large college division second team. The district, one of eight in the North America, includes Division II and III and NAIA colleges in New England, New England and eastern sections of Canada.

To be nominated, the student-athlete must be a starter or important reserve and in high academic standing. The last Westfield State College student-athlete to earn the prestigious award was Jason Franklin, who was a standout point guard on the Owls' 1993 NCAA Tournament basketball team.

"We are elated and proud that Melissa has been selected for this academic award," said Westfield State cross country coach Bob Rausch. "She has been a near-perfect student-athlete for the past four years and we are certainly going to miss her when she graduates in May."

Melissa Merrow

CoSIDA select GTE Academic All-America teams in 10 programs: football, women's volleyball, men's basketball, women's basketball, baseball, softball, fall/winter women's at-large, women's spring at-large, men's fall/winter at-large, and men's spring at-large.

The fall/winter women's at-large includes the following NCAA sports: cross country, fencing, field hockey, gymnastics, rifle, skiing, soccer, and swimming.

Merrow was named the cross country team's Most Valuable Performer in 1999 and was a co-captain. She finished second in the Mass. State Conference and placed third in the New England Alliance championships.

A four-time all conference performer, she helped lead the Owls to four straight Mass. State Conference championships, placing fifth in 1998, fourth in 1997, and sixth in 1996. Merrow received the team's Outstanding Contributor Award in 1997 and 1998, and was New England Alliance all conference both years.

Baseball Roundup

WESTFIELD - Albertus Magnus College rallied for a 9-8, 10-inning baseball victory over Westfield State on March 29.

Albertus Magnus, from New Haven, Conn., evened its record at 6-6 with the nonleague victory. Westfield State dropped its third straight game to move to 5-9 heading into last Saturday's home double header vs. Salem State.

Trailing 8-4, Albertus rallied for four runs on four hits in the top of the seventh inning. The key play in the inning was a throwing error by starting pitcher Doug Smutnick that allowed two runs to score.

Albertus scored the winning run in the 10th inning on a sacrifice fly by Jay Wyatt.

Westfield State was outhit 15-9. The Owls' top hitters were freshman second baseman Tim Cadman (2-for-5, solo home run); junior catcher Ray McPeck (2-for-4, double, three runs scored); and junior Dan Wenzel (3-for-5).

Both teams scored three runs in the first inning, then Westfield took a 7-3 lead with three runs in the third and a run in the fourth.

Amherst 6 - Westfield 3

AMHERST - Amherst College, one of the top-ranked teams in New England with a 9-2 record, held on for a 6-3 victory over Westfield State in baseball action on Sunday, March 26.

Westfield State pitcher Mike Beaton retired the first 10 batters before Amherst took a 3-0 lead in the fourth inning on three consecutive hits and a sacrifice fly.

The Lord Jeffs tallied an unearned run in the sixth to take a 4-0 lead, then the Owls closed to within two, 4-2, in the eighth on a runscoring single by Dan Wenzel and a sacrifice fly by Justin Cohane.

The Owls staged a mini-rally in their final at bat when Josue Zamora belted an pinch-hit RBI single, but with the tying run at the plate Will Harden struck out swinging to end the two-hour game.

Freshman second baseman Tim Cadman of Waltham was the only player with more than one hit in the Owls' eight-hit attack; he was 3-for-4.

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Baseball Roundup

April 2000

Owls Sweep Salem State

The Westfield State College baseball team opened Mass. State Conference play with a big home double header sweep of Salem State on Saturday, April 1.

The Owls, 7-9 overall, defeated Salem by identical scores of 4-3 as they rallied from behind in both games.

In the opener, Westfield erased a 3-0 deficit by scoring a run in the fifth and three in the sixth.

Freshman first baseman Aaron Belanger of Pittsfield collected two of Westfield's five hits and delivered the game-winner, a runscoring single.

Freshman Robert Coro of Revere tied the score with an RBI single. Sophomore catcher Josue Zamora of East Hartford blasted an RBI double.

Winning pitcher Mike Beaton, a freshman transfer from Northeastern, pitched a strong game except for the three-run second inning when Salem belted four of its six hits. Beaton walked one and struck out two.

In the second game, the Owls tied the score in the fourth on a runscoring single by Coro (2-for-3, two stolen bases). Westfield scored two runs in the fifth and added a key run in the sixth on an RBI groundout by freshman second baseman Tim Cadman of Waltham.

Salem made things interesting in its final at bat when Geoff Ericksen drilled a two-run homer, but freshman Matt O'Brien of Belchertown came on in relief to record the pitching save.

Winning pitcher Marc Kelly threw six complete innings, allowing six hits and two walks.

Junior designated hitter/catcher Ray McPeck - a transfer from Massasoit Community College - was 2-for-2 with a double and junior infielder Dan Wenzel was 2 for 3.

Trinity 9 - Westfield 4

HARTFORD - The Westfield State College baseball team dropped a 9-4 decision to Trinity College on Wednesday, April 5.

Trinity, ranked fifth in New England Division III, improved to 11-5.

The Owls tied the score at 4-4 with two runs in the fifth inning, but Trinity scored three runs in the bottom of the fifth and two more in the seventh.

Ray McPeck of Brockton had a double and single and two RBI for Westfield and freshman Justine Cohane of Revere rapped a double and single.

Freshman Matt O'Brien of Belchertown, the first of three Westfield pitchers, sustained the loss.

Both teams collected eight hits but Westfield pitchers allowed seven walks and four hit batters. Trinity scored only three earned runs as the Owls committed four errors.

Eastern Conn. 11 - Westfield 4

WILLIMANTIC, Conn. - Westfield State College dropped an 11-4 decision to perennial baseball power Eastern Connecticut on Thursday, April 6.

Eastern Connecticut is the No. 1 ranked team in New England Division III with a 17-2 record. The Owls are 7-11 heading into their home doubleheader on Saturday vs. Mass. Maritime Academy.

Sophomore catcher Josue Zamora of East Hartford gave the Owls an early 4-1 lead. The husky backstop slugged a two-run homer in the first inning and a two-run single in the third.

Eastern quickly took the lead with a four-run uprising in the home half of the third. The Warriors added two runs in the fifth and four in the seventh.

Westfield was outhit 11-6. John Morrissey pounded a double and single and Justine Cohane clubbed a double.

Senior Doug Smutnick pitched seven innings in a losing effort.

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Baseball Team Has Winning Attitude

April 2000

By Joel Perry, SID Student Intern

The only similarity from last year's 7-25 Westfield State baseball team and this year's squad is the win total and it is only at the midpoint of the season.

As of April 5, the Owls were 7-9 overall and 2-0 in the Massachusetts State Conference (MASCAC) including a win against Keene State and two big wins over defending conference champion Salem State. The schedule only gets harder as the Owls play eight of the 11 top-ranked teams in New England during the rest of the season.

John Griffin, in his second year of coaching the Owls, is confident his team has what it takes to add to its win total and challenge for the conference crown and an automatic bid to the NCAA Tournament.

"I am very excited to have this club," he said. "We have lost some close games to good teams. I think if we can put together a complete game, we can beat anybody."

The wins over Salem also boosted the team's confidence for its upcoming MASCAC schedule.

Matt Donah, a junior from Holyoke said: "Beating Salem was a huge confidence builder for us. We have the makings to be a contender in the MASCAC. We just need to step it up and put it together."

The team only has eight returning players. The rest of the squad is primarily comprised of freshmen. In fact, the Owls usually start between five to six rookies each game.

The talented freshman class includes: Aaron Belanger of Pittsfield, Tim Cadman of Waltham, Mike Carney of nearby Feeding Hills, Corey Scafidi of Waltham, and the three Cs from Revere: Robert Coro, Justin Cohane and Rob Coppola.

" The new guys are getting a chance to play and they are doing very well. They work hard every day," Griffin said.

Two other new players also have played major roles. Sophomore designated hitter/catcher Josue Zamora of East Hartford leads the Owls with a .391 batting average and 17 RBI. Junior designated hitter/catcher Ray McPeck of Brockton, a transfer from Massasiot Community College, is batting .352.

Coro is hitting .372 with team highs of five doubles, two homers and a .627 slugging percentage.

Returning players Will Harden, a junior from East Bridgewater, Dan Wenzel, a junior from Bourne, and John Morrissey, a senior from Worcester, have taken over the leadership responsibilites on the field.

" I think the older guys like Wenzel, Harden and Morrissey are rising to the occasion," Griffin said. "They need to be positive leaders because our young guys feed off of their energy."

Harden is tied for first place in the MASCAC in steals (9) and is fifth in the league with 17 runs scored; the fleet leadoff center fielder is hitting .333 with a .453 on base percentage. Wenzel leads the team with 20 assists and was hitting .306 heading into this past Saturday's doubleheader vs. Mass Maritime Academy.

The Owls have much more depth in their pitching staff this season but are still looking to cut down on their walks and hit batters.

Marc Kelly, a junior from Rockland and Mike Beaton, a sophomore from Harwich, are the top starting pitchers for the Owls. Brian Contenta, a freshman from Richmond in the Berkshires, is the closer and is tied for first in the MASCAC with two saves.

Freshman Matt O'Brien of Belchertown, sophomore Tom Horton of East Bridgewater, senior Doug Smutnick of Pomfret Center, Conn., and Coppola are seeing extensive action on the mound.

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Junior pitcher Marc Kelly warms up under the shade of a palm tree and the watchful eye of pitching coach Don Pomeroy during Westfield State's spring trip to Fort Myers, Fla. Kelly recently earned a 4-3 victory over Salem State, the defending Mass. State Conference champions. *Photo By Mickey Curtis*

Softball Roundup

April 2000

Smith College shut out the Westfield State softball squad, 6-0.

Merrill Baker and Bonnie Benson shared the pitching duties for Smith and also led the visitors at the plate. Benson was 2-for-3 with two doubles and three RBI, and Baker was 3-for-4 with a double.

Junior Sue Smith collected two of Westfield's four hits.

Smith College is now 8-5 while Westfield moved to 5-3.

Springfield Sweeps Owls

SPRINGFIELD - Springfield College shut out the Westfield State softball squad, 1-0 and 7-0, in a double header sweep.

The Pride scored an unearned run in the bottom of the fourth to win the opener. Sophomore pitcher Sarah Spencer tossed a three-hitter for the pitching victory. She struck out eight with no walks.

Westfield freshman Andrea Cabit of Stoughton was the losing pitcher; she gave up seven hits and a walk.

In the second game, Springfield erupted for five runs in the second inning off losing pitcher Sarah Kalagher, who allowed 13 hits and three walks in six innings.

Winning pitcher Nan Duga struck out eight during her three-hit shutout.

Freshman Nicole Kenney of Woburn collected three of Westfield's six hits during the twinbill. She was 2-for-3 in the nightcap, while junior Jill Easttey pounded a double.

Softball/Baseball Home Games Saturday at 12:00

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Track and Field Results

Men's Results

SPRINGFIELD - The Westfield State College men's track and field team opened its 2000 outdoor season by placing second in the Springfield College Quad Meet.

Senior All American Matt Collins placed first in two events, the 110 high hurdles and the 400 intermediate hurdles. Also finishing first were junior Jason Pappas in the 3,000 meter steeplechase and freshman Chris Allie in the long jump.

MEN'S TEAM STANDINGS: Springfield 129; Westfield 37; Middlebury 29; Hartwick 4.

FIRST: Matt Collins, 110 Hurdles, 15.15; Jason Pappas, 3,000 steeplechase, 10:03.1; Chris Allie, long jump, 20-6 1/2; Matt Collins, 400 hurdles, 54.12.

SECOND: Jim Roots, triple jump, 40-6 1/4.

THIRD: David Eaton, 200, 23.19; Brian Church, 3,000 steeplechase, 10:36.9; Tom Schreiber, hammer throw, 146-3; Jeff Eagan, 110 hurdles, 16.26; 4 x 400 relay, 3:33.58

FOURTH: Tom Gusha, 100, 11.65; Ryan Fregeau, 200, 23.8; Chris Allie, 400, 53.09; Kevin LaCoste, 800, 1:58.95; Patrick Swett, high jump, 6-0.

Women's Results

SPRINGFIELD - The Westfield State College women's track and field team opened its 2000 outdoor season by placing third in the Springfield Invitational.

Senior standout Jessica Corriveau finished second in the 400, third in the 200, and fifth in the long jump.

WOMEN'S TEAM STANDINGS: Middlebury 126, Springfield 107, Westfield 24, Hartwick 22, New Haven 16.

SECOND: Jessica Corriveau, 400, 59.84.

THIRD: Jessica Corriveau, 200, 27.58; Diana Cares, 5000, 19:04.52; 4 x 100 Relay, 53.74; Deanna Thomas, high jump, 5-0.

FOURTH: Kelly Gasior, 100 hurdles, 17.82; Megg Bethoney, 400, 63.05; Nora Lynch, discus, 33.14 meters; Nora Lynch, hammer throw, 38.10 meters.

FIFTH: Melissa Merrow, 1500, 5:18.47; Jessica Corriveau, long jump, 4.68 meters.

Softball Splits With Salem State

Westfield State's softball squad opened its conference season with a double header split vs. Salem State. Westfield took the opener, 7-3, and was blanked in the nightcap, 7-0.

The Owls are 6-4 overall; Salem is 9-6.

The big blow for Westfield in the opener was a three-run triple by Sue Smith, Westfield's only player with more than one hit. The Owls also had a three-run uprising in the fourth inning when they collected four of their six hits.

Freshman Andrea Cabit worked through several jams to record the pitching victory. She scattered 10 hits, walked two and struck out five.

Salem put away the second game early with two runs in the first inning and three in the second.

Standout center fielder Leanne Harris led Salem during the twinbill, going 6-for-7 with five runs scored, three RBI and two doubles.

Sophomore Sarah Kalagher was the losing pitcher.

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Members of the Westfield State College softball team in the first row, left to right, are: Kelly O'Brien, Amanda Collins, Michelle Montvitt, Andrea Cabit, Tasha Goulet, Roberta St. Peters, Sue Smith, Jill Annunciata. Second row: head coach Lou Ann Simchak, Sarah Kalagher, Jill Easttey, Colleen Doyle, Erin Starwarz, Kelly Walsh, Nicole Kenney, Michelle Prall and assistant coach Ken Haar. Missing is Meghan Perrault. *Photo By Mickey Curtis*

Softball Roundup

Owls Sweep Fitchburg St.

FITCHBURG - The Westfield State College softball team recorded a big doubleheader sweep of Fitchburg State on April 15.

Despite Fitchburg's impressive 13-1 record entering the twinbill, the Owls cruised by scores of 10-0 and 7-1 to improve to 10-6 on the season.

Freshman Andrea Cabit fired a one-hitter in the opener, giving up a leadoff triple in the fourth inning of the six-inning contest.

Junior left fielder Sue Smith led Westfield's 11-hit attack, going 3-for-3 with two RBI. Freshman Tasha Goulet drove in two runs with two doubles and freshman shortstop Nicole Kenney was 2-for-4 with two RBI.

In the second game, Westfield broke open a close game by scoring two runs in the sixth and three in the seventh. The Owls received another strong pitching performance as sophomore Sarah Kalagher gave up three hits, including a solo homer to lead off the seventh inning.

Junior first baseman Kelly Walsh was 2-for-4 with two RBI. Freshman second baseman Meghan Perreault and Kenney both pounded a double and single.

College Softball

Worcester Sweeps Westfield

Worcester State swept Westfield State by scores of 5-0 and 2-1 in a key Mass. State Conference softball doubleheader.

Worcester State improved to 15-8 overall while Westfield dropped to 10-8. Both teams are 5-3 in the conference.

Senior standout center fielder Amy Ruffo accounted for all seven on Worcester's runs in the twinbill sweep.

Westfield was outhit in the opener, 9-3, and in the nightcap, 7-6. Meghan Perreault was 2-for-3 in the second game, and losing pitcher Sarah Kalagher rapped an RBI single in the sixth.

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Softball Squad Contends For Title

Joel Perry
SID Student Intern

Although the Westfield State softball team is playing through a tough schedule, the Owls have their sights on winning the Mass. State Conference (MASCAC) title.

Heading into this past weekend's scheduled games at first-place Bridgewater State, Westfield was 5-3 in the conference, including two big wins at Fitchburg State. Fitchburg had entered the games with a 13-1 overall record but the Owls handled them by scores of 10-0 and 7-1.

Lou Ann Simchak, in her second year of coaching at Westfield State, is pleased with the team's effort so far this year.

"We have been playing very hard and working well together as a team. These next two weeks we have some very important conference games that we need to get ready for," she said.

Much of the Owls' leadership comes from Colleen Doyle of Pittsfield. She is fourth in the league with three homeruns and leads the team with 12 RBI. The all conference center fielder is the only senior on the team and she knows what it takes to win.

"We have a very young team. We have 16 women on our roster and 10 of them are freshmen. "Things are going well though. Our team is very connected and we all want to win," she said.

Part of the Owls' success is attributed to their defensive play. They committed just 18 errors through the first 18 games.

Jill Easttey, a junior from Rockland leads the team with 47 assists from her third base position. She is also the team's co-leader in hits with 19 and is sixth in the league with a .419 batting average.

"We pride ourselves on our defense. We are a good team and we still have a shot to win the MASCAC title," she said.

Sue Smith, a junior outfielder from South Grafton, has also been a big part of the team's success. She has 19 hits and 11 RBI.

"Sue is having a tremendous year. During preseason she worked very hard on her hitting and it has paid off immensely," Simchak said.

Andrea Cabit, a freshman from Stoughton, and Sarah Kalagher, a sophomore from Worcester, have done the bulk of the pitching.

Cabit's record is 6-4 and she is seventh in the league with a 2.10 ERA. Kalagher is 4-4 and is 10th in the league with a 2.78 ERA.

"Both of my starting pitchers have done a great job for us. I am very pleased with the way they are coming along," Simchak said.

Other key contributors have been freshman second baseman Jill Annunciata (.419 batting average), freshman shortstop Nicole Kenney (.395), and freshman catcher Tasha Goulet (.271).

Westfield's overall record was 10-10 following last Wednesday's 5-0, 2-1 losses to New England power Amherst College, which improved to 21-4. The Owls play one of the toughest schedules in New England; it includes Amherst, Springfield, Smith, Keene State, Western Connecticut, Bridgewater, and Worcester.

Morrissey's Arm, Bat Lift Owls

FITCHBURG - The arm and bat of John Morrissey paced Westfield State to an 8-7, 10-1 doubleheader sweep of Fitchburg State in baseball action April 15.

Morrissey, a senior right fielder from Worcester, halted a last-inning Fitchburg State rally by throwing out a runner at homeplate to end the game. In the second game, he was 3-for-3 with a double, homer, and six RBI, and threw out a runner attempting to go from first to third.

Trailing 8-4 in the seventh, Fitchburg rallied for three runs on a walk and three hits, including back-to-back RBI doubles with two outs that knocked Westfield start Mike Beaton from the game.

Reliever Tom Horton's first pitch to Jason Freeman was blooped into right field. Morrissey nearly made a sliding catch to end the game, but he quickly recovered a fired a bullet to homeplate to just nail Fitchburg baseunner Matt Lowe.

Catcher Ray McPeck, who made a nice pickup of Morrissey's strong throw, led the Owls at the plate, going 2-for-3 with two RBI, a homer, and two runs scored.

Freshman first baseman Rob Coppola collected two hits and two RBI in the 12-hit attack and junior center fielder Will Harden was 2-for-4 with a double. Junior Matt Donah of Holyoke delivered the game-winning hit, a two-run double in the fifth inning that gave the Owls a 6-4 lead.

Morrissey rapped two hits in the first game and finished the day with five hits, three stolen bases, and four runs scored.

In the second game, the Owls jumped out to a 4-0 second-inning lead with Morrissey belting a two-run single. The 6-0, 175-pounder also drilled a two-run double in Westfield's four-run fourth and a two-run homer in the fifth.

Freshman first baseman Aaron Belanger of Pittsfield stroked a double and a single. Collecting two singles were freshman second baseman Tim Cadman and freshman shortstop Mike Carney of Agawam.

Junior Marc Kelly went the distance for the pitching victory. He gave up seven hits and three walks and struck out six, including five of the final six batters.

Worcester Sweeps Westfield

WESTFIELD - The Worcester State College baseball team rolled to a 10-4, 11-3 doubleheader sweep of Westfield State on Patriot's Day.

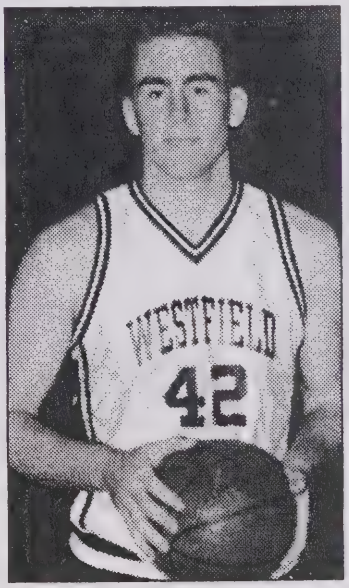
Worcester State, ranked 10th in the latest New England Division III poll, improved to 19-8 overall and 6-2 in the Mass. State Conference. Westfield State is 10-16 overall and 5-3 in the conference.

A four-run, fourth-inning uprising gave the Lancers a 6-1 lead in the opener. Westfield closed to within three, 6-3, in the home half of the fourth, but the Owls stranded runners and second and third with no outs.

Both teams collected seven hits, but Worcester State made the most of nine walks and three hit batters by Westfield's two pitchers. The Lancers did have three triples and four RBI sacrifice flies.

In the second game, the Lancers jumped out to a 5-0 second-inning lead, scoring two runs on the same passed ball and another run on a hit batsman with the bases loaded.

Westfield was outhit, 10-4. Senior Tom LaFlesh of Chicopee was 3-for-3 with two RBI, a double and a home run. LaFlesh also doubled in the opener.



Westfield State College senior Adam Manchester played in the New England Division III Senior All-Star basketball game on April 12 at Holy Cross College. The Newton native scored eight points and grabbed six rebounds for his squad, which featured New England Player of the Year Tishaun Jenkins of Salem State. Manchester finished his four-year Westfield State career with 765 points and 477 rebounds. The bulk of his points and rebounds were in his final three seasons.

Photo By Mickey Curtis

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Track and Field Results

WILLIAMSTOWN - The Westfield State men's and women's track and field team competed at the Williams Relays on April 15.

Placing first for the Owls was senior standout Matt Collins, who qualified for the NCAA Division III national championships with a time of 52.81 in the 400 intermediate hurdles.

MEN'S TEAM STANDINGS: No team scores were compiled

The following are Westfield's top finishers:

FIRST: Matt Collins, 400 hurdles, 52.81; Jason Pappas, 3000 steeplechase, 10:12.25.

SECOND: 4 x 100 relay, 43.8.

THIRD: Vinnie Ferrecchia, javelin, 164-1; Matt Collins, 110 hurdles, 15.0; Chris Allie, long jump, 20-2 1/2.

FOURTH: Ryan Fregeau, 200, 22.98.

SIXTH: Jeff Eagen, 110 hurdles, 16.22; Ryan Fregeau, 100, 11.35; David Eaton, 200, 23.13; Kevin LaCoste, 1500, 4:08.54; Tom Schreiber, hammer, 149-1; Greg Haskell, javelin, 146-6.

SEVENTH: Patrick Swett, 400 hurdles, 59.92; Brian Church, 3000 steeplechase, 10:48.92; Spring Medley - A Team, 3:50.25; Tom Gusha, long jump, 19-6 1/2; Ryan Fregeau, high jump, 5-8.

EIGHTH: Chris Allie, 400, 53.39; Sprint Medley, B Team, 3:57.99.

NINTH: David Eaton, 100, 11.44; Tom Gusha, 200, 23.5.

WOMEN'S TEAM STANDINGS: No team scores were compiled

The following are Westfield's top finishers:

THIRD: Diana Cares, 10,000, 10:55.9.

FOURTH: Tonya Storozuk, javelin, 104-7; Nora Lynch, discus, 112-7.

SIXTH: Starr Hockenberry, 2000 steeplechase, 8:37.8.

Sports Shorts

Thursday, May 4: Winter/Spring SAAB Varsity Sports Banquet in Scanlon Banquet Hall. Athletes must pick up tickets in Ely 244 by May 1.

The committee planning the 2001 celebration for National Girls and Women in Sports Day would like your feedback on a speaker. Please submit your ideas to Nancy Bals in Ely 246.

Softball Squad Swept By Mohawks

The Westfield State College softball team was swept by Massachusetts College by scores of 9-0 and 3-1.

Westfield is now 10-12 overall and 5-5 in the Mass. State Conference. Mass. College is 16-14 and tied for first place in the conference with a 9-1 record.

The Mohawks broke open the first game with four runs in the third inning and four in the fifth. Kristin Parzych of Fiskdale was 3 for 4 with three runs scored and two RBI. Elisha Cote of Chicopee Comp was 3 for 3.

For the Owls, senior Colleen Doyle of Pittsfield was 2 for 2 with a double. Sue Smith and Jill Eastley were both 2-for-2.

Mass. College's 2-0 first inning lead in the second game held as freshman Jodie Eldridge tossed a three-hitter. Freshman catcher Tasha Goulet collected two of Westfield's hits.

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LaFlesh's Home-Finale Homer Paces Owls To Win

May 2000

WESTFIELD - The Westfield State College baseball team broke open a close game to post an 11-5 victory over Western Connecticut State University in the Owls' home finale on Thursday, April 27.

Westfield's record was 12-18 heading into its final games of the season: doubleheaders April 29 at Framingham State and April 30 at Bridgewater State. Western Connecticut's record is 5-15.

Senior Tom LaFlesh of Chicopee delivered the game-winning hit in his final game at Westfield as he lined a two-run homer deep over the left-center field fence to snap a 3-3 tie in the sixth inning.

The Owls tacked on six more runs in the seventh inning. Sophomore catcher Josue Zamora of Hartford rapped a two-run single on a 3-0 pitch with the bases loaded for the key hit in the seventh.

Zamora was 2 for 4 with a double and junior third baseman Dan Wenzel was 2 for 2 with an RBI and three runs scored. Junior leadoff hitter Will Harden was 2 for 3 with two RBI, while freshman shortstop Justin Cohane blasted an RBI triple.

Freshman Rob Coppola pitched the final four innings to get credit for the victory. The southpaw struck out seven and allowed one earned run. Westfield starter Doug Smutnick gave up two first-inning runs then threw shutout ball before being relieved in the sixth.

WESTFIELD STATE SENIORS - Left to right: Tom LaFlesh, Doug Smutnick and John Morrissey were key members of the 2000 Westfield State baseball team. LaFlesh leads the team in hitting (.410), Smutnick leads the team in innings pitched (50) and strikeouts (39), while Morrissey leads the outfielders with five assists and is second in stolen bases with 12.

Photo By Mickey Curtis

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WESTFIELD STATE BASEBALL TEAM

First Row (L-R): Ray McPeck, Jason Olivari, Tim Cadman, Matt O'Brien, Brian Contenta, Corey Scafidi, Mike Carney, Will Harden, Joel Thomas.

Second Row: Dan Wenzel, Justin Cohane, Matt Donah, Tom Horton, Mike Beaton, Rob Coppola, Dave Federico, Matt Daley, Josue Zamora.

Third row: head coach John Griffin, assistant coach Don Pomeroy, Marc Kelly, Tom LaFlesh, Doug Smutnick, Aaron Belanger, Robert Coro, John Morrissey, assistant coach Russ Ducharme, assistant coach Dan Woodill. *Photo By Mickey Curtis*

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Harden's Hit Leads Late Comeback

Owls Gain Split With Mass. College

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WESTFIELD - The Westfield State College baseball team split a doubleheader with conference rival Massachusetts College on Tuesday, April 25.

Westfield rallied from a 3-0 sixth-inning deficit to stun Mass. College, 4-3, in the opener. The nightcap went into extra innings with Mass. College taking an 8-3 victory.

The Owls are in third place in the conference with a 6-4 record. Mass. College is 16-14 overall.

Before mounting its comeback in the opener, Westfield was limited to one hit over the first five innings. Westfield scored two runs with two outs and nobody on base in both the sixth and seventh innings for the big victory.

Senior Tom LaFlesh (2-for-3) of Chicopee continued his hot hitting by pounding an RBI double to put Westfield on the scoreboard in the sixth. Catcher Joel Thomas followed with an RBI single.

In the Owls' final at bat, pinch hitter Ray McPeck blooped a single over third base and Matt Donah beat out an infield single. Pinch hitter Justin Cohane then drew a walk to load the bases after fouling off several full-count pitches. Junior center fielder Will Harden then delivered the game-winning hit: a two-run double just inside the right field foul line.

Harden also had a single in Westfield's seven-hit attack. Senior catcher Jose Diaz blasted a first-inning solo homer - his 11th of the season - for one of Mass. College's five hits. Westfield native Jeremy Taylor ripped a single in the top of the sixth inning that led to the Mohawks' other two runs. Both were unearned runs as the result of a fielding error on Taylor's hard smash to left field.

Sophomore Mike Beaton raised his pitching record to 4-2 for the Owls. He went the distance, striking out four and walking three.

In the second game, the Mohawks erupted for five runs in the top of the eighth with the aid of four hits (two doubles), two walks and a hit batter.

Control problems again plagued Westfield pitchers as they walked nine and hit two batters in addition to allowing 10 hits.

Westfield led 3-1 by scoring a run in each of the first three innings. Mass. College tied the score in the fourth on a two-out bases loaded walk followed by a hit batter.

LaFlesh was 2-for-4 with a double and sophomore catcher Josue Zamora was 2-for-3 with an RBI sacrifice fly.

Attention Westfield State Winter and Spring Varsity Sports Athletes: You must pick up your tickets to the May 4 spring semester sports banquet by today in Ely 244.

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Baseball Team Places Third In MASCAC

The Westfield State College baseball team won one of four conference games to finish third in the eight-team Mass. State Conference with a 7-7 record.

The Owls, with 15 first-year players on their squad, finished their season with a 13-21 overall record, six wins better than last year.

Westfield split a doubleheader at Framingham on Saturday, April 29. The Owls squandered several scoring opportunities in a 3-2 opening-game loss. Westfield posted an 8-2 victory in the nightcap.

Ray McPeck and Corey Scafidi were both 2-for-3 in the opener with Scafidi pounding a double. Losing pitcher Tom Horton went the distance, allowing nine hits, two earned runs and a walk, while striking out five.

In the second game, Westfield took an early 7-0 lead with four runs in the first and three in the second. Freshman Rob Coppola rapped a runscoring single in the first and delivered a two-run triple in the second.

Senior John Morrissey was 3-for-5 with an RBI and Scafidi was 2-for-3.

Winning pitcher Matt O'Brien scattered 10 hits and walked one.

Westfield concluded its season Sunday, April 30, with 6-1, 18-0 losses to Bridgewater State, which finished conference play 14-0 and is ranked No. 1 in New England with just three losses.

In the opener, Westfield trailed 2-1 when Bridgewater's Joe Winters put the game out of reach by blasting a three-run homer with two outs in the fourth.

Mike Beaton, Wesfield's ace, allowed six hits and a walk with no strikeouts. Senior Tom LaFlesh of Chicopee belted a triple for one of the Owls' four hits. Winning pitcher Mike Cadus fanned 10 in the seven-inning game.

In the nightcap, Wesfield's Marc Kelly had a no-hitter through three innings, but the powerful Bears exploded for 18 runs, including 11 in the fifth, over the final three at bats.

Westfield's leading hitter this season was freshman Robert Coro (.356), followed by Josue Zamora (.354), Tom LaFlesh (.352), and Ray McPeck (.350).

Will Harden led the team in runs scored (22) and stolen bases (15), while John Morrissey was second in stolen bases (13) and first in outfield assists (7).

LaFlesh pounded a team-best double and was one of four players to lead the Owls in homers with two apiece. Zamora led with 22 RBI.

Beaton posted a 4-3 pitching record with an ERA of 5.74 as the Owls' No. 1 hurler. Senior Doug Smutnick led the team in innings pitched (49) and strikeouts (39).

Softball Squad Finishes 12-14; 7-7 In Conference

The Westfield State College softball team finished its season with a 12-14 overall record and 7-7 in conference play.

The Owls swept Framingham, 3-0 and 5-4, on Saturday, April 29, then fell to powerful Bridgewater, 13-0 and 4-3, on Sunday, April 30 in its season finale.

Andrea Cabit blanked Framingham in the opener, allowing seven hits and one walk while whiffing four.

Freshman shortstop Nicole Kenney was 2-for-3 with two RBI, and freshman catcher Tasha Goulet was 2-for-3. Colleen Doyle and Jill Easttey both blasted triples.

Trailing 2-1 in the second game, Westfield scored four decisive run sin the sixth. Winning pitcher Sarah Kalagher delivered the big blow, a two-run double.

Easttey was 2-for-4 with an RBI and Kelly Walsh doubled home the eventual winning run.

Freshman second baseman Meghan Perreault had two of Westfield's three hits in the five-inning first-game setback to Bridgewater, which clinched the Mass. State Conference championship with the victory.

Perreault was 2-for-4 with two RBI in the second game, which ended with Sue Smith being thrown out attempting to score from second on Perreault's single to center field.

It was the fifth one-run setback for Westfield this season. In addition, the Owls were shut out [illegible]ht times as they only scored 94 [illegible]s in their 26 games.

Westfield hit .263 as a team with Kenney batting a team-high .375. Easttey had a solid season, batting .338 with a team-highs of 24 hits and six doubles.

Doyle posted team highs of three homers, 13 runs scored and 13 RBI. Sue Smith batted .301 with team highs of five stolen bases and seven sacrifice hits. Jill Annunciata batted .318 while sharing the second base duties.

Cabit posted a 7-7 record, striking out 35 and walking only nine in 80 and a third innings pitched. Cabit's earned run averaged was 3.57, jumping nearly a run following the big setback at Bridgewater. Kalagher compiled a 2.59 earned run average in 78 and a third innings pitched.

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Peter Mazza Award
Colleen Doyle
Contributions To Athletics
Matt Collins
NCAA /Westfield State Woman of Year
Erica Pratt
Male/Female Scholar Athletes
Doug Smutnick, Melissa Merrow

Softball
Outstanding Contributor
Colleen Doyle
Most Improved - Sue Smith
Comeback Player - Jill Easttey
Rookie of Year - Sarah Kalagher
Baseball
Outstanding Contributor - Mike Beaton
Outstanding Contributor - Will Harden
Men's Track and Field
MVP Track - Matt Collins
MVP Field - Tom Schreiber
Women's Track and Field
MVP Track - Jessica Corriveau
MVP Field - Nora Lynch
Swimming and Diving
MVP - Amy Fischer
Outstanding Contributor
Reanna Leite
Women's Basketball
Outstanding Contributor
Jamie Vielmetti
Most Improved - A.J. LaBelle
Men's Basketball
Outstanding Contributor
Adam Manchester
MVP - Kurt Huggins
Cheering
Outstanding Contributor - Steve Wright
Most Improved - Jennifer Frohn

A Class Class

Six Seniors Lead Owls To Third Straight MASCAC Title

By Mickey Curtis, SID

FITCHBURG - The seniors went out in style as they led Westfield State College to a convincing victory in the Mass. State Conference women's track and field championships on April 29 at Fitchburg State College.

Westfield captured the title for the third consecutive year; the Owls scored 228 points in the five-team meet followed by Bridgewater State (141) and Fitchburg State (138).

Amazingly, Westfield State's six seniors - Nora Lynch, Melissa Merrow, Diana Cares, Andrea Petrolini, Sarah Corriveau, and Kelly Gasior - nearly outscored the second and third place teams. They teamed up to total 112 individual points, nearly half of Westfield's total. In addition, Corriveau ran on both winning relay squads while Petrolini was a member of the 4 x 400 team.

"That's a pile of points; you can't say enough about what the seniors did for the team," said Westfield State coach Sean O'Brien. "I was glad to see them do so well in their final conference meet; they've meant a lot to the team over the past three or four years and they provided a lot of leadership. We are going to have a lot of big shoes to fill next year, especially if we want to defend our conference championship."

Westfield's top point-getter was Corriveau, who defended her titles in the 200 (27.0) and 400 (59.89). The Southbridge native also placed second in the long jump and fourth in the triple jump in addition to running on the winning relays.

Lynch, a senior thrower from Norwood, racked up 28 points in three events, including a conference and school record toss of 127-11 in the discus. Lynch held the previous conference record of 119-6 she set last year. She surpassed 120 feet on all three of her throws in the finals, with the new record being established on her final toss. Lynch finished second in both the hammer throw and shot put.

"Nora is a big-meet performer," said Westfield State throwing coach Kris Theriault. "Her form was excellent and she just kept getting better as the meet went on."

Westfield's other double winner was Cares; the long distance standout defended her title in the 10,000 meter run and also captured the 1500. Merrow, Westfield's other long distance threat, won the 3000 meter run and placed third in the 800.

Petrolini placed first in the 400 intermediates hurdles and Gasior was second in the 100 hurdles to complete the senior scoring barrage.

Westfield's other first place was recorded by junior Starr Hockenberry in the 5,000 meter run.

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Track, Field Results

WOMEN'S TEAM STANDINGS: Westfield State 228; Bridgewater State 141; Fitchburg State 138; Salem State 41; Worcester State 19.

FIRST: Nora Lynch, discus, 127-11; Diana Cares, 10,000, 41:05.17; Starr Hockenberry, 5,000, 20:26.95; Diana Cares, 1500, 5:11.91; Jessica Corriveau, 400, 59.89; Andrea Petrolini, 400 hurdles, 1:11.04; Jessica Corriveau, 200, 27.0; Melissa Merrow, 3000, 11:22.7; 4 x 100 relay (Megg Bethoney-Brigitta Brandt-Shannon Rhinhart-Jessica Corriveau), 53.93; 4 x 400 relay (Megg Bethoney-Sara Sechovicz-Andrea Petrolini-Jessica Corriveau), 4:13.9.

SECOND: Nora Lynch, shot put, 32-4; Nora Lynch, hammer, 120-0; Tonya Storozuk, javelin, 104-8; Jessica Corriveau, long jump, 13-8 1/2; Shannon Rhinhart, 28-8 1/2; Deanna Thomas, high jump, 5-0; Kelly Gasior, 100 hurdles, 17.64; Megg Bethoney, 400, 1:01.47; Sara Sechovicz, 400 hurdles, 1:16.86.

THIRD: Natalie LaBouef, long jump, 12-5 1/2; Brigitta Brandt, triple jump, 28-4; Melissa Merrow, 800, 2:38.47; Shannon Rhinhart, 200, 30.43; Alyssa Reid, 3000, 12:58.27.

FOURTH: Starr Hockenberry, javelin, 84-3; Brigitta Brandt, shot put, 27-9; Jessica Corriveau, triple jump, 28-2 1/2; Starr Hockenberry, 400 hurdles, 1:21.34.

FIFTH: Miranda Osgood, 10,000, 52:12.5; Natalie LaBouef, 100 hurdles, 19.1; Shannon Rhinhart, 100, 14.64; Laura Hurley, 1500, 6:01.6.

SIXTH: Michelle Snyder, javelin, 69-9; Shannan Chalmers, 2:44.83.

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Women's Track and Field Team

First Row (L-R): Starr Hockenberry, Alyssa Reid, Diana Cares, Megg Bethoney, Jessica Corriveau, Michelle Snyder, Miranda Osgood, Shannon Rhinhart, Kelly Gasior.

Second row: coach Bob Rausch, Nora Lynch, Brigitta Brandt, Andrea Petrolini, Sara Sechovicz, Laura Hurley, Natale LaBouef, Tonya Storozuk, Deanna Thomas, Shannan Chalmers, Lauren Diotalevi, Melissa Merrow.

Photos By Mickey Curtis

Men's Track, Field Team Cruises To Another Title

By Mickey Curtis, SID

FITCHBURG - The post-meet victory lap may have been lackluster but the same can't be said for Westfield State's effort in capturing the Mass. State Conference and New England Alliance championships, which were both held April 29 at Fitchburg State College.

The Owls totally dominated the competition in claiming their third straight New England Alliance title (see related story) and their fourth straight MASCAC crown. In addition, the Owls have won 17 of the past 18 and and 24 of the past 27 state conference championships.

"This doesn't get old; the guys may not show it as much as before but they still enjoy winning these championships," said coach Sean O'Brien. "They were very focused and we got great individual efforts from many people."

Twenty-five of the 30 athletes on Westfield State's roster scored points in the MASCAC meet. Westfield racked up 249.75 points to easily outdistance second-place Bridgewater State (163.75).

The Owls were led by senior standout Matt Collins, who defended his conference crowns in the 400 meter run, the 110 high hurdles and his specialty: the 400 intermediate hurdles.

Collins went nonstop the entire day as he also finished second in the 200 meter dash behind national qualifier Stanley Egbor of Worcester State and anchored the Owls' victorious 4 x 400 relay squad. Collins capped his near-perfect performance by overcoming a 10-yard deficit in the relay.

"I think Matt is the most outstanding performer in the history of the MASCAC meet," said former Westfield State coach Gerry Gravel, who is now retired and living in the San Diego area.

Gravel was back in Westfield last weekend and watched Collins compete in the New England Division III championships at Springfield College. Collins is the two-time defending 400 hurdles champion in both the New England Division III and All New Englands. The All New England finals are scheduled for May 13 at the University of Connecticut.

Last spring Collins became Westfield's first All American in eight years when he finished second in the 400 hurdles at the NCAA Division III national champioships. The weekend of May 27 his goal is to become Westfield's first men's national champion.

"There are a lot of great athletes out there but Matt has the talent and the work ethic to win it all," said O'Brien.

Collins accounted for 38 points in the MASCAC finals in addition to anchoring the winning relay. Other top point-getters were freshman Ryan Fregeau of Athol, senior Kevin LaCoste of Athol, and graduate student Tom Schreiber of Ashfield.

Fregeau earned 28 points by placing in four events: first in the triple jump, second in the high jump, third in the 100 meter dash, and fourth in the 200. Fregeau also was a member of the 4 x 100 relay that finished second.

"Ryan had an excellent day," said O'Brien. "He's going to be a good one for us."

LaCoste defended his MASCAC titles in both the 800 and 1500 meter runs and also ran on the winning 1600 relay. His victory in the 800 may have been the most exciting race as he overtook two Keene State runners who had beaten him earlier in the 1500 to also claim the New England Alliance title with a time of 1:58.46.

Schreiber, a second-year graduate student, capped a commendable career at Westfield State by finishing second in the hammer throw and fourth in both the shot put and discus.

Westfield State's other first places were recorded by Fitchburg native Jason Pappas in the 3,000 meter steeplechase and sophomore Vinnie Ferrecchia in the javelin.

Ferrecchia may have had the day's most impressive performance as he defended his MASCAC and New England Alliance javelin titles with a personal-best of 183-10. Entering the meet the Marlboro native's personal best had been 170-2 in last year's conference championship. He surpassed that standard on each of his throws in this year's meet.

"Vinnie is peaking at the right time," said Westfield State throwing coach Kris Theriault, a standout at Fitchburg State who holds the conference (220-5) and national Division III javelin records. "Vinnie is a very good athlete with a strong arm and a quick release. I think there's no doubt he can throw 200 feet."

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Men's Track and Field Team

First Row (L-R): Allen Moss, Marco Iannello, Tom Gusha, Jim Roots, Chris MacDonald, Ryan Fregeau, Travis Bettencourt, Tom Bousquet, Jason Pappas, Kevin LaCoste.
Second row: Jeff Eagen, Chris Allie, Jim Creed, Eric Nygard, Mike Bolotin, Vinnie Ferrecchia, Brian Church, Eric Flossic, Tim Trull.
Third row: coach Kris Theriault, Patrick Swett, David Eaton, Greg Haskell, Brian Matuszko, Matt Collins, Jim Foley, Scott Umbrianna, David Carabin, coach Bob Rausch. Missing are: Tom Schreiber, Mark Howard, and Tom Gilbert.

Owls Defend Alliance Title; Women 2nd

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FITCHBURG - The Westfield State men's track and field team won its third straight New England Alliance championship April 29.

The Owls compiled 152.75 points in the 11-team meet to outdistance Keene State (105) and Bridgewater (89).

The Westfield women, meanwhile, did not defend their outdoor title as they were edged by Southern Maine, 151 to 126. Rhode Island College placed third with 113 points and Bridgewater was fourth with 56. Westfield did claim the women's indoor Alliance title in February.

The New England Alliance is comprised of 11 schools: five from the MASCAC (Bridgewater, Fitchburg, Salem, Westfield, Worcester) and six from the Little East Conference (Keene, Southern Maine, U-Mass Dartmouth, Eastern Conntecticut, U-Mass Boston, and Rhode Island College).

This is the third year the teams have competed in Alliance indoor and outdoor track and field championships, with the Westfield men winning five of six championships; they were edged for the indoor title in 1999.

Senior standout Matt Collins once again led the Owls, placing first in three events (400, 110 hurdles, 400 hurdles) and anchoring the winning 4 x 400 relay squad. Also placing first were: Kevin LaCoste (800), Jason Pappas (steeplechase), and Vinnie Ferrecchia (javelin).

Placing first for the Westfield women were: Nora Lynch (discus), 4 x 400 relay, Andrea Petrolini (hurdles), Diana Cares (10,000), and Jessica Corriveau (400).

Finishing second were: Corriveau (200), Megg Bethoney (400), Melissa Merrow (3000), Starr Hockenberry (5000), Dave Carabin (400 hurdles), and Tom Schreiber (hammer throw).

Ferrecchia (javelin), Collins (400, 110 hurdles), LaCoste (800), Lynch (discus), and the men's 4 x 400 relay established New England Alliance records.

Wadhams Selected For NCAA Conference

INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA - Brooke Wadhams, a Westfield State College junior, has been selected to participate in the fourth annual NCAA Foundation Leadership Conference, which will be held May 28-June 1, 2000, at Disney's Coronado Springs Resort in Lake Buena Vista, Florida.

The mission of the NCAA Foundation Leadership Conference is to develop a diverse group of student-athletes who will actively participate in and experience a multitude of challenging and thought-provoking activities that will enable them to become change agents on their campuses and in the community. It will provide NCAA student-athletes with the opportunity to discuss and explore critical issues facing their peers; to enhance leadership skills; and to promote better communications among student-athletes, coaches, administrators, faculty and communities.

A total of 352 student-athletes have been invited to attend the 2000 NCAA Foundation Leadership Conference. Student-athletes were nominated from NCAA member institutions that participate in the CHAMPS/Life Skills program.

Wadhams, a member of the field hockey team, was selected from a total of 885 nominations. She is a member of Lamda Sigma (sophomore honor society), Kappa Delta Pi (elementary honor society), and secretary of the Scanlon Hall Council.

The Goshen, Conn., native is a volunteer elementary education teacher in the Connecticut public schools. She is a dean's list student and a Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities recipient in 1999. Wadhams was second-team all conference in field hockey in 1998 and 1999 and the team's Freshman of the Year in 1997. She is a member of the Westfield State athletic department's Student-Athlete Advisory Board and CHAMPS Life Skills program.

The 2000 NCAA Foundation Leadership Conference will focus on critical issues identified during the nomination process as well as topics recommended by members of the Division I, II, and III NCAA Student Advisory Committees.

Participants will engage in a variety of developmental exercises designed to enhance their communication, decision-making and problem-solving skills and will also participate in collaborative projects and critical thinking. Student-athletes will develop their leadership skills through interactive, hands-on work in small groups, and have the opportunity to reflect on their experiences.

Participating student-athletes will represent all NCAA divisions, a variety of different sports, both genders and different ethnicities.

MASCAC Men's Track Results

MEN'S TEAM STANDINGS: Westfield State 249.75; Bridgewater State 163.75; Worcester State 75.75; Fitchburg State 63.75; Salem State 52.

FIRST: Vinnie Ferrecchia, javelin, 183-10; Ryan Fregeau, triple jump, 42-2 1/2; Jason Pappas, 3000 steeplechase, 10:05.38; Matt Collins, 110 hurdles, 15.54; Kevin LaCoste, 1500, 3:59.60; Matt Collins, 400, 49.28; Kevin LaCoste, 800, 1:58.46; Matt Collins, 400 hurdles, 55.69; 4 x 400 relay (Chris Allie-Marco Iannello-Kevin LaCoste-Matt Collins), 3:27.6.

SECOND: Tom Schreiber, hammer throw, 150-2; Chris Allie, triple jump, 41-3/4; Ryan Fregeau, high jump, 6-1; Jeff Eagen, 110 hurdles, 16.68; David Eaton, 100, 11.34; David Carabin, 400 hurdles, 58.58; Matt Collins, 200, 22.46; 4 x 100 relay (Tom Gusha-Ryan Fregeau-David Carabin-David Eaton), 44.26.

THIRD: Tom Gilbert, hammer throw, 103; Chris Allie, long jump, 19-10; Patrick Swett, high jump, 6-1; Brian Church, 3000 steeplechase, 10:25.9; Ryan Fregeau, 100, 11.47; David Eaton, 200, 22.71; Tim Trull, 5000, 17:31.37.

FOURTH: Tom Schreiber, discus, 111-7; Tom Schreiber, shot put, 41-7; Jim Foley, high jump, 5-9; Eric Flossic, 10,000, 45:06.46; Tom Bousquet, 1500, 4:14.34; Chris Allie, 400, 52.77; Patrick Swett, 400 hurdles, 1:00.1; Ryan Fregeau, 200, 22.77; Allen Moss, 5000, 17:4.81.

FIFTH: Greg Haskell, javlein, 150-9; Scott Umbrianna, discus, 101-6; Tom Gusha, long jump, 19-0; Jim Roots, triple jump, 39-0; Tom Gusha, 100, 11.62; Marco Iannello, 800, 2:05.94; Jason Pappas, 400 hurdles, 1:00.84.

SIXTH: Tom Gilbert, shot put, 38-7 1/2; Jim Roots, long jump, 18-2; Brian Church, triple jump, 38-4; Jim Foley, 110 hurdles, 18.98; Tom Bousquet, 800, 2:06.26; Jeff Eagen, 400 hurdles, 1:01.01; Mike Bolotin, 5000, 19:27.41.

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